

Fireworks set at Clermont Harbor

The recent rains have not yet repealed the bans on fireworks in the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, but there will be fireworks at Clermont harbor beach on Saturday, July 1 at 8:30 p.m. The event is sponsored jointly by the Clermont harbor Volunteer Fire Department and the Clermont Harbor Civic Association.

There will also be an Independence Day parade at Clermont Harbor on Sunday, July 2, beginning at 2 p.m. The parade starts at the intersection of Clermont Blvd. and S. Railroad St., proceeds down S. Railroad to Long St., and turns onto Pointset along the beach front and winds through Clermont Harbor. Anyone with an antique or unusual vehicle who wishes to join the parade or anyone who needs more information, call Craig at 463-1819.

Benefit set for house fire victim

There will be a shower for Sandra and Roland Lee this Saturday, July 1, at the community center next door to Flat Top Unity Baptist Church off Hwy. 49 South. The event will last from 2 to 4 p.m. The Lees lost their home in a fire on June 12.

VFW ladies host po-boy dinners

VFW Post Bay St. Louis will have a po-boy sale tomorrow, Friday, June 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Eat in or carry-out. Call 467-9184.

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The Clarion-Ledger honors the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland Thursday in a ceremony at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum.

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Bay, Waveland claim top honors

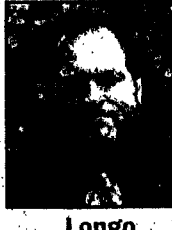
BY BENNIE WEDGWOOD
Staff Writer

Two Hancock County cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis were presented with the honored Clarion-Ledger/Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Awards at a special awards banquet on Wednesday at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum

and Convention Center in Biloxi.

Awards were presented by Mr. Bill Hunsberger, President and Publisher of the Clarion-Ledger and given to encourage and recognize, among other things

the achievements, higher levels of service, and imaginative ways to overcome problems in cities and towns in



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PERSONALITY PLUS



Echo staff photo by Bennie Wedgwood

Cody Butler eyes his prize in the Our Lady of the Gulf Personality Plus Contest Saturday, in preparation for OLG's 16th Annual Crab Festival this weekend. Cody was the winner in the three-to-four-year-old boys category.

Kids get 'crabby' for Personality pageant

BY BENNIE WEDGWOOD
Staff Writer

The community center at Our Lady of the Gulf was filled to the brim on Saturday with festively-dressed children and their hopeful parents, friends and relatives. The pageant, officially named the Personality Plus Contest, was, none the less, the official crowning of the 16th Annual Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Festival. The festival

will take place June 30-July 2 at the church grounds at 228 South Beach Blvd.

The pageant, which boasted 15 categories with 72 entrants, got off to a slow start as parents attempted to round up immaculately dressed youngsters, who were running, playing and yelling with their friends, and generally being kids, oblivious to their potentially exalted sta-

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Three-year-old Brittany Mauffray practices her beauty queen pose Saturday at the Personality Plus Contest at Our Lady of the Gulf Church's Community Center.

Echo file photo by Bennie Wedgwood

MDOT awards contract for bridge barrier

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Work is expected to begin in mid-July on installing a median barrier on the U.S. Hwy. 90 bridge over the Bay of St. Louis.

That's the word coming this week from Stan Weilgosz, project manager for Malouf Construction Co. of Madison, Miss. The firm was low of three bidders on the contract with a bid totaling \$2,196,787. Eighty percent of the funds come from the U.S. Department of Transportation and 20 percent will come from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Besides installing the median in the center of the 1.97-

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Pass ceremonies open new kids' club

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

It was an historic day and a big payday for the youth of Pass Christian.

State Attorney General Mike Moore, Mayor Billy McDonald and the Board of Aldermen, Harrison County officials, involved community leaders and area youth came together Tuesday to officially open the Pass Christian Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast.

At the end of the ceremony, emcee and Pass Christian Unit Board President turned over the keys to a group of classrooms to Ranard Hall, who will serve as director of the Center. The Boys and Girls Club will be housed in

the rear, northwest corner of the Randolph Multipurpose Center on Clark Avenue, once the city's black consolidated school, then the integrated Middle School. The School District recently donated the grounds and the school complex, including a gymnasium, to the city.

A crowd of about 100 gathered in a large classroom at the end of the complex to hear speakers, one by one, hail the revival of the Boys and Girls Club as a solid community effort.

It was in July of 1999 that the late Ward 4 Alderman Vonnice Bodenschatz held an exploratory meeting to see if

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Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma

Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore came to town Tuesday to present an initial check of \$12,000 to the new Pass Christian Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast. More than 260 children are participating in the revived activities, and some came to the ceremonies, in addition to area leaders and citizens.

Floodplain regs to be enforced

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

It's hurricane season again, and the county's chief building inspector says federal floodplain regulations will be strictly enforced.

And, if you don't comply with regulations regarding elevation of structures or your recreational vehicle or camper isn't ready to move out of flood prone areas south of Interstate

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ANITA I. JAMES
RICHARD JOHNSON
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CURTIS COLSON
 Curtis Colson, 69, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, June 24, 2000 in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Colson was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 139 and Knights of Columbus No. 1522, both in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his father, Victor B. Colson Sr.; and a sister, June Colson.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Colson of Bay St. Louis; six sons, Kevin Colson and Mike Colson, both of Bay St. Louis, and Curtis Colson Jr., Jeff Colson, Brian Colson and Scott Colson, all of Waveland; two daughters, Cynthia Bowen of Waveland and Christine Jackson of Bay St. Louis; two stepdaughters, Mary Ann Roussou and Taryn Ray, both of Bay St. Louis; his mother, May Colson of Diamondhead; two brothers, Victor Colson of New Orleans and Wayne Colson of Lakeshore; two sisters, Gayle McCannon and Joyce Hicks, both of Diamondhead; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

VERONICA CUEVAS
 Veronica "Ronnie" Cuevas, 39, of Lizana, died Sunday, June 25, 2000.

Ms. Cuevas was a native of Gulfport. She was employed as a histology technician for 19 years at the Gulf Coast Medical Center and for four years at

Hancock Medical Center. She was a member of St. Williams Catholic Church. She was a 1978 graduate of Pass Christian High School and graduated from Phillips Business College.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Calvin and Agnes Ladner and Melvin and Eva Cuevas.

Survivors include her parents, Kenneth M. and Sherry Ann Cuevas of Pass Christian; her longtime friend, Michael Forrest of Lizana; her grandmother, Mrs. Willie Cuevas of Lizana; two brothers, Gregory Cuevas of Pass Christian and Dalwin Cuevas of Lizana; and a sister, Sherryel Tyree of Pass Christian.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at St. Williams Catholic Church. Services were conducted Wednesday at the church with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Harrison County.

Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

DR. PATRICIA HARRIS
 Dr. Patricia Milazzo Harris, 70, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000 in Slidell. Dr. Harris was a retired anesthesiologist. She was born in New Orleans and lived in Diamondhead for the past nine years. She graduated from St. Stephen's High School and from Hotel Dieu School of Nursing as a registered nurse, attended Loyola University and graduated from Louisiana State University Medical School.

Dr. Harris was associated with Ochsner Hospital where she completed a residency in anesthesiology and was on the teaching staff at Charity Hospital. She also administered anesthesia at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

She was a member of the Diamondhead Country Club and a former member of American Society of Anesthesiologists, Louisiana Society of Anesthesiologists, Orleans Parish Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Survivors include a daughter,

Jane Harris Johnson; and a son, Mark Harris, and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday, June 24 at Metairie Funeral Home of Lamana Panno Fallo, followed by interment in Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans.

ANITA I. JAMES
 Anita Isabelle James, 76, of Bay St. Louis died Thursday, June 22, 2000 in Slidell.

Mrs. James was a native of Warren, Minn., a resident of Bay St. Louis and a former resident of New Orleans. She was a retired business manager for the City of New Orleans for 15 years.

She was the wife of the late Carroll Howell James, and mother of Dixie J. Huymel of Birmingham, Ala., Yvonne J. Bergeron of Kenner and Kirsten B. James of Birmingham; daughter of the late William J. and Clarice Irene Andresen Cleveland; sister of Orval Cleveland of Poughkeepsie, Wash., Gordon Cleveland of Menasha, Miss. and the late Ardith Cleveland; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A private service was conducted.

Honaker Funeral Home in Slidell was in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD JOHNSON
 Richard M. Johnson, 42, died Thursday, June 22, 2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

CLARENCE A. LANDRY
 Clarence A. Landry, 85, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, June 20, 2000, in Biloxi.

Mr. Landry was a native and resident of Pass Christian. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Landry; his parents, Isaac and Bertha Landry; a son, Robert K. Landry; two sisters and a brother.

Survivors include a daughter,

Survivors include a sister, Zaydell B. Labat of Pass Christian; three brothers, Willie Landry of Chicago, Enright Landry and Lionel Landry, both of Pass Christian; a stepdaughter, Christine Farris of Pass Christian; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Monday at St. Paul United Methodist Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian. J.T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

GLORIA S. REINIKI
 Gloria Seymour Reiniki died Sunday, June 25, 2000.

A native of Gulfport, she had been a resident of Bay St. Louis for 50 years. Mrs. Reiniki was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and long-time supporter of St. Augustine Seminary where she served as a eucharistic minister. A member of the local business community for more than 30 years as a partner in Lone Pine Nursery and Redglo Ceramics, she was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 139.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R.J. "Red" Reiniki; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Seymour; her sister, Marie Woodcock; and her brothers, Eurise and Alton Seymour.

Survivors include her only child Gloria Michael Cuevas; her son-in-law, Samuel A. Cuevas; her grandson, Joseph Reiniki Cuevas; and her granddaughter, Katherine Cuevas Breath; her husband, Charles A. Breath IV; and her great-grandson, Charles Anthony Breath, all of Bay St. Louis; and a sister, Mrs. Eolia S. Brown of Gulfport.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis, followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers donations to the Hancock County Library System to establish a diabetes information and resource center in Mrs. Reiniki's name.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

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Gulf of Mexico Program seeks entries for the 2001 Gulf Guardian awards

John F. Kennedy once said, "Our entire society rests upon - and is dependent upon - our waters, our land, our forests, and our minerals. How we use these resources influences our health, security, economy and well-being."

During this July 4 holiday time, the Gulf of Mexico Program would like to recognize those individuals, companies, agencies and organizations that are doing their part to keep the Gulf of Mexico healthy and productive.

Applications for the 2001 Gulf Guardian Award, sponsored by the partnership of the Gulf of Mexico Program to recognize environmental excellence in the five Gulf Coast states, are available on line now at <http://www.gmpo.gov>, or by calling (228) 688-1159 to request an application form by mail.

The deadline for submitting an application is Oct. 2, 2000. The winners of the 2001 competition will be announced sometime in January 2001 and awarded later in the year.

"The Gulf Guardian Award is a great way for the Gulf of Mexico Program to recognize

"Our natural resources are a large part of what made this country so great," he said. "July 4th presents us with a prime opportunity to solicit entries for the Gulf Guardian Award to recognize those who are doing what they can to make sure those natural resources remain

positively impact our quality of life and economic well-being."

In the 2000 round of awards, recognizing 1999 projects and the first year the awards were offered, there were 53 award entries from all five Gulf Coast states - Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, and Texas.

A first, second, and third place winner was awarded in each of six categories: business, government, civic/nonprofit organizations, youth/education, partnerships, and individual.

The Gulf of Mexico Program will also fax or e-mail an application form. The FAX number is (228) 688-2709 and the e-mail address is hines-smith.terry@epa.gov.

The Gulf of Mexico Program is underwritten by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is a non-regulatory, inclusive consortium of state and federal government agencies, and representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, scientists, environmentalists, and community leaders from all five Gulf Coast states.

The Gulf Program seeks to improve the environmental health of the Gulf in concert with economic development.



and honor the businesses, community groups, individuals, and agencies who are taking positive steps to keep the Gulf healthy, beautiful, and productive," said Jim Giattina, Gulf Program director.

healthy and viable. The Gulf Guardian Award exemplifies what the Gulf of Mexico Program is all about - innovative solutions that come about when we pool resources and look for creative ways to

Home tour, cookbook to benefit 'Rosebuds'

Plans are in the works to present a Holiday Home Tour on Dec. 9-10 to benefit "Gather Ye Rosebuds" rose society and the Hancock County Historical Society in conjunction with the Hancock County Tourist and Development Bureau.

Homes in Bay St. Louis will be featured on Dec. 9 in the morning and on the afternoon of Dec. 10 homes in Waveland will be shown. Mrs. Albert Piazza and Mrs. John Richard are co-chair of this event. Along with the tour the Historical Society will be selling its recently completed cookbook, reports Charles Gray, society historian.

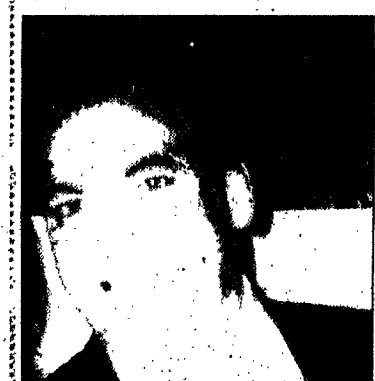
This will provide a nice gift just in time for Christmas. Hopefully some of the recipes from the cookbook will be served in the homes to provide a sample of this book's delights.

"Circle these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend. This event will coincide with many other nice Christmas events planned in our community on that same weekend," says spokesperson Melinda Richard.

More information will be available about the tour and various other community events in a brochure, which is being readied by the Tourist and Development Bureau. Anyone

wishing to be of service to the two societies should call Charles Gray at 467-4090 or Melinda Richard at 467-3008.

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Club -- Pass Christian

there was grassroots support to revive a Boys and Girls Club in Pass Christian.

Lizana recalled from that original meeting with 30 people, a steering committee was formed. "In less than a year, we have come to this great day," he said. "The Committee more than rose to the task that was before us." He said the revival of the club "represents the hard work and dedication of everyone in this room."

McDonald also proclaimed it a "great day, and District 3 Supervisor Marlin Ladner, representing the entire Harrison County Board of Supervisors, made the first of four check presentations, a \$5,000 donation from the Board.

Lizana then singled out Ron and Laura Ladner, who recently relocated to the area from Atlanta. He said he took them on a tour of the complex of buildings, where various activities actually began last April, and showed him an empty room, which he said would become the technology room.

The Ladners wrote the Club

a check for \$5,000 initially, then called him to say they would purchase 10 computers for the children, then wrote another check for \$5,000.

Because of their generosity, Lizana said the tech center would be named in their honor.

Lee Kerley, Boys and Girls Club executive director, told the audience, "I never worked with a finer group of people in my life." He said he never opened a club as fast as the one opened in Pass Christian, and it was because the full support and resources of the community was behind the effort.

Bo Hendrick, representing the Boys and Girls Club government affairs office in Washington was present, along with Bobby Smith, the southeast regional service director.

They presented a check for \$25,000 to the local Club, an assistance grant from the Bureau of Justice.

Attorney General Moore took the podium to a round of applause from the audience. He has pledged to double the number of Boys and Girls Clubs in

Mississippi.

"The attorney general has the assets (to help) but he needs the community to assist him," said Moore. "Your response has been wonderfully productive. This club is going to end up being the best in the state," he predicted.

Moore said of all the organizations he supports, he feels the work done by the Boys and Girls Clubs is the best producer of positive kids. He said there are more "at risk" children in Mississippi than in any other state, and he has created a Children's Division with a 10-member staff within his office to turn those statistics around.

Moore presented the Club a check for \$12,000 and promised, "There's more to come."

Sue Reed, who will serve as the Club's Director of Operations, introduced Apryle Williams, who has been a member of the Biloxi Boys and Girls Club since she was six. She is now 16 and recently was named Youth of the Year of all the Clubs in Mississippi. She

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was also the recent recipient of a \$25,000 check from the Oprah Winfrey Foundation.

Williams encouraged citizens to volunteer, and said her time in the Biloxi Club was a wonderful experience, and she continues to work on the staff.

After Head was presented the keys to the Club, he said the support from community leaders, school officials, elected officials and the area clergy has been "overwhelming."

He turned to the children sitting of the floor. "These are diamonds in the rough," said Head. He asked the children what the club had taught them so far, and they cheered in unison, "Respectability, responsibility and co-operation."

The audience applauded. "Ward 2 Alderman Margaret Jean Kalif, a teacher in Harrison County schools and also a close friend of the late Vonnice Bodenschatz was beaming.

"It's a great day for the children of Pass Christian. A great day," she said.

Pass Christian has big plans for former Middle School site

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Pass Christian senior citizens, who have been pushed around from pillar to post for the last couple of years, have settled into a new home.

Last Thursday, Mayor Billy McDonald and four of five aldermen, gathered with seniors to officially open their new home in what was once the cafeteria of the old consolidated school at 315 Clark Avenue.

After integration, the building served as Pass Christian's Middle School, but after a new school was built, the Pass Christian School District recently turned over the sprawling educational complex to the city.

McDonald said the building complex will be called the J.W. Randolph Multipurpose Center in honor of the deceased Randolph, who was a longtime principal. It will host a variety of city activities and might also be available for private affairs, he said.

At the dedication ceremonies, attended by about 40 seniors, it was evident the seniors were well settled into their new home.

Tables and seating were scattered throughout the main lounge, and a television flickered nearby. Shelving in a back area held the porcelain molds and paints used by seniors in craftmaking. Near the entrance, a shop was set up where seniors could sell their hand-sown handiwork, ceramics and other items.

The city's first organized senior center started out several years ago in a building at the corner of Second Street and Heirn Avenue almost in the rear of the City Hall and Library. Seniors were then moved to the renovated former police and fire station on Second Street.

Then, two years ago, Hurricane Georges blew through, causing so much damage to the roof that the building was declared unsafe and too expensive to renovate.

McDonald assured seniors that the Randolph building would be their home for years to come.

"This is going to be ya'lls," said McDonald. "Aint nobody going to take it away from you."

Last Tuesday, the mayor and city officials were joined by state Attorney General Mike Moore. Harrison County supervisors and club supporters to officially cut the ribbon dedicating another section of the school complex for use by the newly organized Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast.

And, McDonald said even bigger things are planned for the Randolph Multipurpose Center.

"We're contracting with a Vicksburg consulting firm to file application for a \$500,000 grant to renovate the building," said McDonald. He said funds might be available in the form of a Community Development Block Grant through the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

McDonald said plans are for the police, fire, and comptroller's office to use some of the classrooms for storage, and the School district has kept some space for records. The Recreation Department's office would be moved to the building, and the gymnasium will be available for various athletic programs.

McDonald said he might ask the city's purchasing director to manage the facility, and would consider making the gym available at a minimum price to private citizens for various affairs.

"Of course, we would pay for the operation and maintenance of the building," said McDonald. The city currently funds the senior citizens program on a yearly basis. Cecel Dedeaux serves as the Center's director and Gladys DeSantis teaches crafts.

"It's a wonderful facility for now, but we have the opportunity to take care of a lot of the city's future needs by making the renovations and repairs," said McDonald.

The mayor said the appraised value of the facility and property now is around \$2 million.

"That's quite a generous gift from the school district, and we are most thankful," said McDonald.

Steve Landry is Port's new facilities manager

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A man familiar to many people in the Bay-Waveland area is back in town.

Steve Landry, who served over three years in the very visible position of Director of Public Works for the city of Waveland, is now working for the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

Landry, 45, was hired last April as Facilities Manager and is stationed at the Port Bienville Industrial Park. He is

responsible for the overall management of maintenance, housekeeping, security and safety at the park and at Stennis International Airport.

Landry resigned his Waveland duties in December of 1998, and for the last two years he served as Director of Plant Operations for Chalet Medical Center.

Although he said he didn't mind the daily commute from Waveland to Chalmette, Landry said, "I'm happy to be back home."

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tus as future queens and kings. Master of Ceremonies, channel 13's weather man, Mike Read did an amazing job of keeping the pageant running smoothly, considering that a lot of the contestants were missing

Libraries to close for July 4 holiday

All four branches of the Hancock County Library System will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, for the Fourth of July holiday, per proclamation by Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

Library users needing to return items should use the exterior book returns located at all four branches: Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, Kiln Public Library, Pearlinton Public Library and Waveland Library and Literacy Center.

For information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; Sandy Brinkman, Waveland Library Literacy Center, 467-9240; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724; or Jeanne Pierce, Pearlinton Public Library, 533 0755.

their nap times and getting just a little tired of being all dressed up by the time winners started to be announced.

There were five categories of winners placing as queen or king, first, second, or third, and most photogenic. Winners were presented with trophies and ribbons by Mrs. Mary Reed and her husband, Roy.

The three judges, Barbara Carter, long time church member, Al Showers, reporter for channel 13, and Mrs. Freddie Taylor, Ms. Senior Mississippi, did a great job rating contestants, considering that each and every one of the entrants were equally as adorable as the next.

By the end of the day there were disappointments, victories, a few torn dresses, and a few tears and a whole new and proud group of kings and queens of the Crab Festival.

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Hancock High senior class scholarships announced

The Hancock High School Class of 2000, with 181 graduates, received \$1,078,310 in scholarships:

Daryl Acker: United States Military Academy Prep School, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Elena Barber: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Keri Barksdale: Mississippi Music Senior Award, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Rene J. Barletter, Jr.: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Crystal Bennett: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Joey Broome: Lacy Kelly VFW Scholarship, Ann Marie Cagle: Mississippi University for Women Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Presidential Scholarship

Lucas Caldwell: Mississippi State University Academic Excellence Award, Pearl River Community College Presidential Scholarship

Craig Carrige: Mississippi College Top 10% in Math & Biology at the Math & Science Tournament, Dub Herring Ford/Chrysler Scholarship, Mississippi State University Academic Excellence Award, Mississippi State University Rose Scholarship in Physics, University of Southern Mississippi Academic Excellence Award, Pearl River Community College Presidential Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Salutatorian Scholarship

Patrick Casey: U.S. Naval Academy Appointment, Air Force ROTC 4-year Scholarship to Mississippi State University, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Chantelle Chotto: Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship

Jeniffer Cluney: Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship

Tara Cullen: Valspar Refinishing Sunbelt Coatings Scholarship

Jessica Dollar: Ladies Auxiliary BPOE Scholarship, University of Mississippi John N. Waddell Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Dean's Scholarship

Kristie Evans: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Trevor Farnsworth: Savannah College of Art and Design, Pearl River Community College Dean's Scholarship

Michael George: Delgado Community College, Nashville Auto Diesel, Universal Technical Institute, Northwestern College

Karla Henley: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Patrick Hillman: Pearl River Community College Dean's Scholarship

Candice Hyatt: Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

Alexis Inabnet: University of South Alabama Presidential Scholarship, Louisiana State University Nonresident Fee Waiver Scholarship, University of Mississippi John N. Waddell Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Dean's Scholarship

Mittie Jackson: Chris' Beauty College Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Vocational/Technical Scholarship

Jennifer Jarrell: Student Council Scholarship

Andrea Joraanstad: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Christina Kihnenman: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Christi Klein: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Brandi D. Ladner: Mississippi College Top 20% in Math at the Math & Science Tournament, Pearl River Community College Basketball Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Dinah Ladner: Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

Elizabeth "Annie" Ladner: Mississippi University for Women Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Presidential Scholarship

Jaynell Ladner: Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

Kasey Ladner: Kiwanis Club of Hancock County "Student of the Year", Future Business Leaders of America Scholarship, Lacy Kelly VFW Scholarship, Millsaps Second Century, Voice of Democracy, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Keresa Ladner: Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Nicole Ladner: Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

Vicki Ladner: Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

Angelle Lamb: University of Southern Mississippi Academic Excellence Award

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Tiffany Lee: Mississippi Petroleum Marketers Scholarship, University of Southern Mississippi Leadership Award, Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship

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Courtney Lepine: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Martin Maxwell: Pearl River Community College Presidential Scholarship

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Melanie McManus: Jones County Junior College Dance Team Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

Justina Merwin: Beta Club Scholarship, Student Council Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Dean's Scholarship

Gregory Morgan: William Carey College Presidential Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Dean's Scholarship

Jonathan Munsch: Society of American Military Engineers Scholarship, Mississippi State University Academic Excellence Award, Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Salutatorian Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Presidential Scholarship

Robert Murphy: Pearl River Community College Golf Scholarship

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Natasha Necaise: Rebekah Kennedy Memorial Scholarship, University of Southern Mississippi Leadership Scholarship, Best Girls Starter Scholarship, Beta Club Scholarship, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Tara Necaise: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Cheerleading Scholarship

Lionel Pantoja: Burger King/McLamore North American Scholarship, Coca-Cola Semi-Finalist Scholarship

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Christopher Payne: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

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Kerrie Robberson: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Tosha Rogers: Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

Lindsey Rutherford: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

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Kevin Sanders: Pearl River Community College Band Scholarship

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Clay Shaw: Lugs Necaise Memorial Scholarship, Delgado Community College, Nashville Auto Diesel College, Northwestern College, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Robden Sheffield: University of Southern Mississippi Service Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Leadership Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Eric Sievers: Pearl River Community College Presidential Scholarship

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Alan Smith: Pearl River Community College Band Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

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Miranda Stockstill: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Jason Strawley: University of Southern Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Southern Mississippi Guitar Scholarship, HELP Scholarship, Pearl River Community College Dean's Scholarship

Ryan Strief: Pearl River Community College Scholastic Excellence Scholarship

Patricia Talavera: Mississippi University for Women, Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Jonathan Warren: Pearl River Community College Honors Scholarship

Higgins is Loyola grad

Peter Higgins of Diamondhead recently received a degree when Loyola University New Orleans awarded 627 degrees at its 89th commencement ceremonies May 13.

The ceremony was held in the Marquette Horseshoe on the university's Uptown campus. This was the first spring commencement held on campus since 1967.

University president, the Rev. Bernard P. Knoth, S.J., delivered the commencement remarks. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francis B. Schulte, D.D., attended the morning ceremony.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

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Sponsors are Hancock Bank, Hancock Investment Services, Hancock Insurance Agency, Hancock Mortgage Corporation and Harrison Finance Company.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Chamber members and guests are invited. Admission is two business cards.

Friday marks the opening of the 16th Annual Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Festival, which continues through Sunday.

The Crab Fest always brings a big following to town for the gala July 4th weekend.

The festival's hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. for Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the OLG church grounds, Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis.

Top flight entertainment will be on tap for attendees each day.

There will be all types of seafood, such as boiled crabs, stuffed crabs, crab-stuffed potatoes, crab and shrimp biscuits, shrimp po-boys, crawfish etoufee, gumbo, etc. Also available will be hamburgers, hot-dogs, desserts, and cotton candy, etc.

Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler is the general chairman for the crab festival, and she will have help from hundreds of members of the parish for the big three-day fund-raising event for the church.

We hope to see you at the Crab Festival.

It is getting a bit late if you haven't gotten your fishing tackle, etc., ready for the annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo which runs June 30 through July 4.

Headquarters for the fishing rodeo is the Rice Pavilion, Gulfport. There is no fee to fish in the rodeo, just pre-registration at the rodeo's headquarters.

There are many categories of fish and some very fine prizes and trophies.

Much entertainment will take place over the five days of the fishing rodeo. There is a \$2-admission a day for the entertainment and viewing the fish.

A kids fishing rodeo is set for Saturday, and there is no registration for the children. Fishing is in all area waters. There will be free hot-dogs and refreshments for the kids. The scales will close at 6 p.m. for the kids rodeo at Rice Pavilion on Saturday.

Scales for the main rodeo will open Friday through Tuesday at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., except July 4 scales will close at 4 p.m.

A big July 4 fireworks display will be at 9 p.m. on Tuesday night.

It is possible that many records may be broken at the rodeo, which is billed as the largest in the world.

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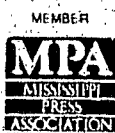
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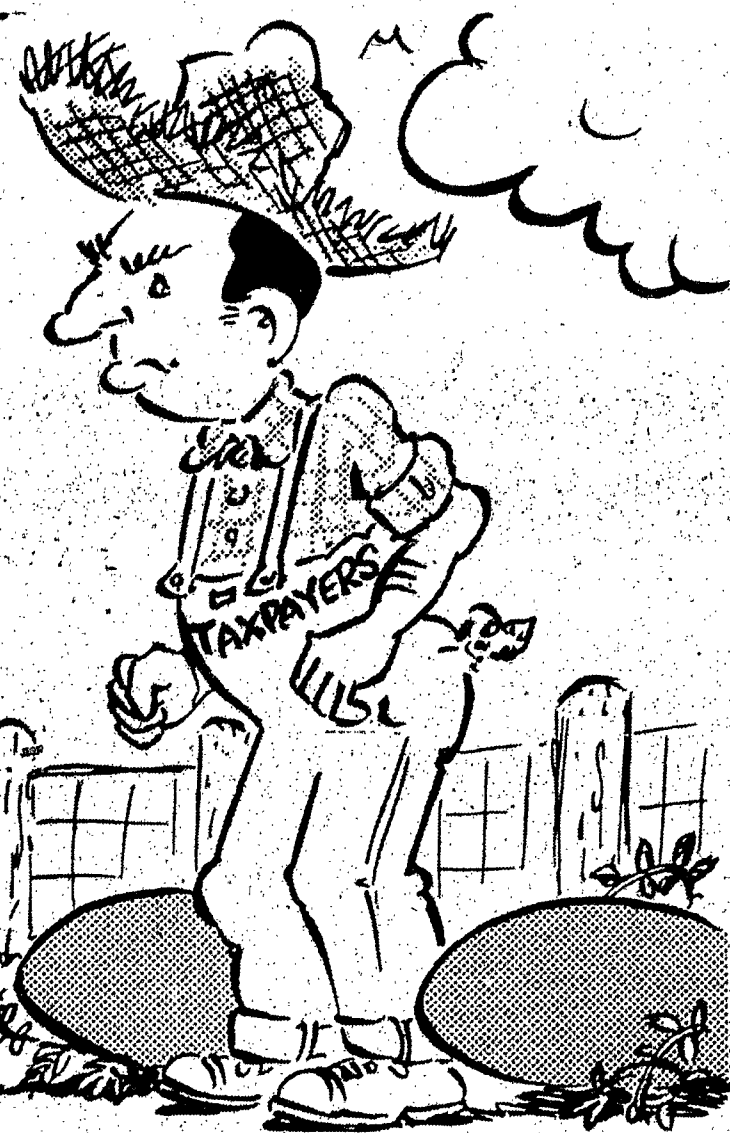
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you shoot fireworks, please protect the animals

Dear Editor:

Before you kick back to watch the fireworks this 4th of July, make sure your Independence Day is animal-friendly. Because most animals' ears are far more sensitive than ours, fireworks explosions can terrify animals and even lead to serious injury or death.

Every year at this time, animal shelters fill with terrified animals who have run away from their homes in an effort to escape the frightening noise of fireworks.

Shelters report that they arrive with bloody paws from running, or torn skin from tearing through a backyard wooden fence to escape, or crippled from being hit by a car during the disorientating escape.

Last year, a panic-stricken

German shepherd was trapped for four hours under the dashboard of a car where he tried to hide after firecrackers went off nearby.

This Fourth of July, please make sure your animals are at home and indoors, and, if possible, don't leave them alone. Keep the windows and curtains closed, and turn on the radio or television to help drown out the sound of fireworks explosions. Be sure they are wearing current identification tags, in case they flee from the noise.

With a bit of effort, you can make sure the holiday is safe for everyone.

Sincerely,
Alison Green
Correspondent
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor

Such games they play

The unprecedented public brou-ha-ha lawmakers set off when they enriched their retirement benefits in the dying moments of the 2000 session, could have an unintended consequence: The involuntary early retirement of a number of them, with the voters calling the shots.

As this is written, a special legislative session was about to begin, hopefully to eradicate their special retirement goodies stuck in at the last minute in the regular session.

Many lawmakers snookered in May by some of their cunning colleagues into voting for the retirement sweeteners. Of course, are scrambling to cover their derrieres. Unless the new gems are yanked out before July 1, they will be retroactive to Jan. 5.

I'm not betting it's going to happen. Even it does, this story is not going to have a happy ending for a lot of lawmakers. Hardened old-timers in the Legislature don't give a damn what the people think. They're not likely to suffer in any case.

But younger lawmakers more sensitive to public opinion stand to lose the most, regardless of whether or not the new benefits stay or go. What's already happened has damaged many a political future.

This whole seedy episode — regardless of the outcome — is bound to have some beneficial consequences. On the plus side, it focused public attention as never before on the inner-workings of the Legislature and the cushy perks they've given themselves.

Over the years I've tried to get peoples' attention on the arcane dealings of the Legislature, but not with much success.

Much is being said now about what I call SLURP, the lawmakers' private pension plan, because that was what had been sweetened. This scribe, and others, however, have failed to emphasize that members of the Legislature are covered by not one, but TWO, retirement systems.

Besides SLURP (created in 1989), they also draw benefits from the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), which covers regular state, and local employees. Drawing benefits from both, a 30-year legislator already could retire either voluntarily, or by the voters, with a yearly pension around \$26,000.

If the sweetening SLURP benefits stay, it would be raised to the \$32,000-\$36,000 range. House Speaker Tim Ford, with his previous legislative time, could get more.

Not bad for part-time citizen-legislators, eh? In the state whose \$18,098 per capita income is the lowest in the nation.

If you think the \$10,000 annual salary for Mississippi legislators, which sounds like a paltry sum, is the only amount credited to lawmakers' retirement account, think again.

To camouflage that they were, in reality, raising their pay, the Legislature in the 1980's didn't raise their base pay, but installed what is euphemistically called a "per diem," for each day they are in regular or special session they attend or any committee meeting or other authorized function between sessions.

The per diem rate is geared to whatever figure is permissible by the Internal Revenue Service. Initially it was about \$65 a day. Now it has risen to \$94 a day.

So, in the recently-ended 125 day regular session, lawmakers drew an extra \$11,750 in per diem, above their regular salary. Of course, they still get a \$1500 a month expense check with no itemization required between sessions.

Added to that, their between-session committee meetings for which lawmakers get extra pay, and, for favored legislators, out-of-state travel with expenses to whatever conference or meeting they attend. In the House, the Management Committee okays members' trips and between-session committee meetings. In the Senate, the Rules Committee does it.

(Significantly, at the beginning of the 2000 session when Amy Tuck became lieutenant governor and Sen. Travis Little (D-Corinth) Senate president pro-tem, the former Senate Management Committee was eliminated in what was termed "duplication" and Rules took over handing out the between-session goodies.)

In the Senate, the Rules Committee has come up with a cute new idea allowing committee chairmen to call a "Committee of One," allowing them to draw two days at \$40 each month, plus their \$94 per diem, to do "committee work and research." All senators, including chairmen, can also get two "constituent" days (94 bucks per) a month.

House rules limit members to two days per month for between-session committee meetings.

The bottom line of all the above is that except for travel mileage every dollar lawmakers draw out of state funds — per

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ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
CVSO

Medicare eligibility

Medicare eligibility is an area of great concern to America's veterans. Qualification for treatment in a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facility is based on military service.

Qualification for treatment in a Military Treatment Facility (MTF) is also based on military service. Military service is the first criteria for treatment in either facility. Reaching the age of 65 is the primary qualification for Medicare.

There is no clear reason a veteran should be denied use of Medicare benefits in a VA or DoD facility.

The Department of Defense has an obligation to meet the health care needs of the entire military community. That includes active duty service members, military retirees, and their dependents regardless of age or medical condition.

Military retirees dedicated themselves for 20 years or more to DoD and to the nation's defense. They worked for wages

that were well below that of their civilian peers. They subjected themselves and their families to the numerous hardships and sacrifices associated with military service.

They lived under a unique set of rules, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, throughout their military career.

The vast majority of these individuals made their career decision at a time when they believed that free health care for life for themselves and their dependents was an important element of the retirement package.

There has been much said publicly about accepting responsibility. Outsourcing of health care services does not relieve DoD of its responsibility to military health care beneficiaries.

Changing rules, breaking promises, and not keeping the faith compromises not only the credibility of DoD but, more importantly, places America's national security at risk.

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Christening Bulkeley

United States Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi and Matron of Honor Carla Fargo, far left, react with joy as ship sponsors (from left) Sarah C. Fargo, Carol A. Bulkeley, Diana Bulkeley Lindsay, Regina Bulkeley Day and Joan Bulkeley Stade smash five ceremonial bottles of champagne at the bow of the U.S. Navy's newest Aegis guided missile destroyer, BULKELEY (DDG 84), during christening ceremonies held Saturday, June 24 at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula. The ship is named in honor of Vice Admiral John D. Bulkeley, USN (1911-1996), a World War II naval hero who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his achievements during the war, including the evacuation of General Douglas MacArthur and Philippine President Manuel Quezon from the Island of Corregidor in the Philippines. (Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding photo)

Bulkeley (DDG 84) christened at Ingalls

"When this ship is commissioned next year, she will be a vessel of war," former United States Senator Bob Dole of Kansas said Saturday, "and also a vessel of values...imbued with both firepower and moral power, in times of conflict and of peace."

Senator Dole, currently serving as chairman of a committee to raise funds and build a national World War II memorial, delivered the principal address during a patriotic, traditional maritime christening ceremony at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding, during which the U.S. Navy's newest Aegis guided missile destroyer, BULKELEY (DDG 84), was christened in honor of a World War II naval hero.

More than 1,000 guests heard Senator Dole call the ship's namesake, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Vice Admiral John Duncan Bulkeley, USN, (1911-1996), "a courageous warrior, an inspirational leader, and a fine human being. I am here as a World War II veteran, because this ceremony is about honoring John Bulkeley and all the real American heroes who served at that time. I don't believe there could be any better inspiration for a warship than Admiral Bulkeley," Senator Dole said.

"He, and the generation from whence he came, exemplified the Navy's badges of honor, courage and commitment - in the Second World War and beyond."

Bulkeley was a PT boat pioneer who used his four-boat Squadron to evacuate General Douglas MacArthur and Philippine President Quezon from Corregidor and Bataan, Philippine Islands, in 1942.

In command of Motor Torpedo Boat (MTB) Squadrons Three and Seven during the defense of the Philippines, Bulkeley evacuated the two high ranking officials while destroying several Japanese planes, surface combatants and merchant ships.

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander, he took part in the landings in the Trobriand Islands in July 1943. He then commanded PT boats patrolling the beaches during the Allied landings on Normandy in the Atlantic Theater of Operations.

During the August 15, 1944, landing of General Alexander M. Patch's 7th Army by Admiral J. Kent Hewitt's Western Naval Task Force on the southern coast of France, Bulkeley, as Commanding Officer of the destroyer USS ENDICOTT, sank two German corvettes attempting to escape from the harbor at Toulon. About a dozen

of Bulkeley's former ENDICOTT shipmates were at Ingalls for Saturday's christening.

Bulkeley remained in the Navy after the war, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral in June 1963 and was named Commander, Navy Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He became President of the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV), the team responsible for testing new ships before final acceptance into Fleet duty, in 1967, and served in that assignment for 21 years. He retired from active duty as a Vice Admiral in 1988.

"This great ship is named for one great individual," Senator Dole said, "but it will brandish the spirit of an entire generation of Americans."

U.S. Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi accompanied his former colleague to Ingalls for Saturday's event.

"This ship is being named for a resourceful and courageous World War II combat veteran, Admiral John D. Bulkeley. It is very appropriate that the principal speaker on this occasion is also a World War II combat veteran, whose courage and sacrifice for our country during times of war, and whose thoughtful leadership in our nation's Capital, are well known and deeply appreciated," said Senator Cochran.

The 509.5-foot, 9,300-ton BULKELEY will operate primarily with aircraft carrier battle groups, but will also provide essential escort services to Navy and Marine Corps amphibious forces and auxiliary ships, and conduct independent operations. The ship will be operated by a crew of approximately 383 officers and crewmembers.

DDG 84 is Ingalls' third

Flight IIA Aegis destroyer. The highlight of this major upgrade program is the addition of two helicopter hangars that will each accommodate an SH-60B undersea warfare helicopter.

DDG 84 also has the LAMPS MK III Undersea Warfare Control System, with helicopter landing and replenishment facilities for the SH-60B. Ingalls was responsible for the design of the new hangar, and its associated compartments, as well as for incorporating the hangar into the total ship design program.

Twelve Ingalls-built Aegis destroyers are now in the Fleet. A 13th, USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80), will be commissioned in October, and a 14th, LASSEN (DDG 82) will precede DDG 84 into service in 2001. Following BULKELEY, Ingalls has contracts and options to produce 10 additional Aegis destroyers, with five of those ships in various stages of production.

Construction of DDG 84 began at Ingalls on May 25, 1998. The ship's keel was laid on May 10, 1999. When completed at the end of 2001, DDG 84 will be homeported in Norfolk, Virginia as an element of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Commander Carlos Del Toro, USN, of New York, will be the new ship's Commissioning Commanding Officer.

Litton Ship Systems (LSS), headquartered in Pascagoula, includes Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding and the Litton Ship Systems Full Service Center, both located in Pascagoula, as well as Litton Avondale Industries, located in New Orleans.

Headquartered in Woodland Hills, California, the company has more than 40,000 employees.

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"This is an all-new Five Star program," said M. John MacDonald, DaimlerChrysler's vice president of Sales and Service.

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Hancock County Water and Sewer District intends to file an application for funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (RUS). The specific elements of this proposed action are as follows: To provide a Phase II water project for the Shoreline Park area, and a Phase III sewer project for the Springwood Subdivision, John's Bayou Estates, Ansley Community, Heron Bay Subdivision, Lower Bay Road East and West, Lower Bay Road West, Lakeshore North/Hwy 90, Lakeshore South, Blue Meadow Road, Shoreline Park Area and Bayou La Croix road in Hancock County, MS.

Honors -- Bay, Waveland recognized

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the state.

Criteria for the awards included, long term success rates for projects, innovative ideas, the interest a project had to the area, the rate of improvement a project brought about and how well projects achieved the goals set.

Awards were presented in four areas of achievement: City Spirit, City Planning, Economic Development, and Public Development. Each of the four categories were divided according to three levels of population: Under 2,000, 2,000 to 15,000 and over 15,000.

Mayor Tommy Longo accept-

ed the award for the City of Waveland in the category of City Spirit for the city's Adult Literacy Program. The program is an on-going project of the Hancock County Library System since 1988 and is based at the Waveland branch of the library on Coleman Avenue. It is the only one of its kind in the county and offers basic literacy skills, as well as GED preparatory training, and English as a second language. Since its beginning, over 1,300 students have participated in the programs.

Mayor Eddie Farve accepted the award for Bay St. Louis in

the category of Public safety for the innovative handling of fire safety education for the children of the community. The city built a sealed down two story house on a trailer so that it can be taken to schools or other locations to teach children fire safety.

The house is equipped with a ladder, to teach children how to climb out of high windows, a stove, a smoke machine, to teach safe escape from a smoke filled house, and a telephone for learning how to call 911 for help.

The awards banquet was held in conjunction with the

69th Annual Mississippi Municipal League Conference which ends tomorrow.

Over 2,100 municipal leaders, representing 298 city and town governments in the state make up the Leagues membership.

The League seeks to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education, also providing training and technical assistance.

The goal of the League is offer programs and services that give municipal officials the knowledge, experience, and tools for making the best possi-

ble public decisions.

Dwight Evans, President and CEO of Mississippi Power Company and keynote speaker at the banquet said that it is time for Mississippi to dream big dreams, take a chance, and

change the status quo.

"We need to develop a positive attitude so the 21st Century will become the Mississippi Century," said new league president and Mayor of Biloxi, A. J. Holloway.

Flood

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10, you may jeopardize your chance for federal assistance for relocation or repairs in the event your home or vehicle sustains major damage during a hurricane or flood.

Willie Gavney, who enforces floodplain regulations throughout the county, said he and his assistant, Bill Quinn, will be checking out areas of Shoreline Park, Bayside Park and Jourdan River Shores in the next couple of weeks and will notify persons who are not in compliance.

If a structure or vehicle is not in compliance, Gavney said the violator can be subject to a fine of \$100 each day.

Federal Emergency Management Administration regulations require structures in the floodplain to be elevated 10 to 11 feet above flood stage, depending on the slope of the land and its proximity to water.

"There's nothing that says you can't be higher, but this is

the minimum heights required," said Gavney.

Since zoning went into effect in 1996, county Planning and Zoning Commission has not allowed people to live in campers, trailers or RVs in the floodplain areas longer than a 180-day stretch. Gavney admitted there might be some violating that regulation, and he intends to weed them out and serve them notice to vacate their property.

He said, trailers, campers and other recreational vehicles in the floodplain must be licensed, on wheels, have quick disconnect systems and ready to move or able to be towed away on a moment's notice in the event of any storm threat.

Structures, such as workshops or washrooms under raised houses, must be constructed so as to allow water to come in and then flow out, he added.

Bridge

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mile span, funds will also be used for bridge and lighting repairs and for pavement marking.

Weilgoz said estimates are the project could be completed by next January. State Rep. J.P. Compretta, Hancock County supervisors and other officials began pressing for a median barrier on the bridge as far back as 1995, but it was put on the back burner in favor of more pressing transportation problems on the Mississippi Coast. In recent years, several people have died in head-on collisions on the bridge caused when vehicles crossed the center line with the latest accident claiming two lives last February. MDOT officials first opened bids in April for the pro-

ject, but rejected all bids because they came in over estimates. They readvertised and on May 23 the Department of Transportation received three bids. The Commission voted on June 13 to award the project to Malouf Construction. The median barrier and other improvements to the U.S. Hwy. 90 bridge are expected to make the span safer and complement the realignment of Hwy. 90, which comes through Henderson Point. The realignment and the construction of a much higher and wider bridge over the CSX railroad tracks was recently completed. Motorists headed east and west were faced with barricades and detours during the two-year construction period.

Eyes

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diem and all the rest -- goes toward their accrued retirement benefits.

In hindsight, it's obvious the SLURP goodies stuck into HB 1281 at the conference stage in the 2000 session, wasn't just a result of last-minute amending.

Some cunning guys in the Legislature had concocted the scheme by putting two code sections referring to the existing

SLURP law into a bill which had an entirely different main purpose.

The two sections were sitting there in the bill authored by Rep. Johnny Stringer (D-Montrose) waiting for three representatives and three senators behind closed doors to unlock the new box of goodies. Stringer was one of the six.

Such games they play.

... For the children



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
Members of American Legion Unit 139 Ladies' Auxiliary present Spinoza the Bear to members of the Hancock County Department of Human Services to aid their work with abused children. Pictured from left are Kay Altess, area social work supervisor, DHS; Connie Alme, social worker; Billie Tudury, president of the auxiliary; Terri Wetter, foster care licensure specialist; and Janet Alme, Unit 139 treasurer.

Escapee

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units (from Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, Long Beach and the Mississippi Highway Patrol), but to no avail."

There were also reports yesterday afternoon that Lizana was spotted in a wooded area of Gulfport. Police were following up on that lead until after dark yesterday, searching the area of the supposed sighting with K-9 units and a helicopter.

Lizana, a 32-year-old Gulfport resident, had been lodged in the Justice Facility on a \$5,000 bond since April 3 on four counts of simple assault against a police officer, Cuevas said.

"He was not considered a high-risk for escape," Cuevas said. "We had him under minimum security."

Cuevas added that although even if convicted Lizana would probably not have faced a very stiff sentence prior to the escape. "Now he's got five years added to his sentence, whatever it turns out to be."

Lizana is described as being six-feet tall and around 168 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes, and when last seen had a moustache and short beard.

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Kenny Wilkinson, left, "Dee" Thomas, Joe Levy, Pat Killeen, John Luwisch, Henry Bearmann, Commander Russell Voorhies, Donald Maufray, Jack Hasling, Warren Norton, "Cookie" Kane, Charles Melson, George Baxter, Lionel Gerstner and Billy Burke.

Fifty-six years ago, amid the chaos, death and destruction of World War II, they were there. Earlier this month, when the world watched the D-Day memorial being dedicated, they were there again.

Photos by Richard Smith

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

World War II veterans of American Legion Post 77 in Waveland were escorted to the D-Day parade and ceremonies by their commander, Russell Voorhies and photographer Richard Smith.

Kenneth Wilkinson, 1st vice-commander, said the parade and the gratitude expressed by the people of New Orleans and their visitors was overwhelming.

He and other members of the post rode the parade inside and in the back of a U.S. Army Humvees, a reminder of the six-bys of World War II.

Voorhies expressed his feelings for actor Tom Hanks, director Steven Spielberg and NBC anchorman and author

Tom Brokaw by saying all these men were examples of the renewed spirit in America. They are men of importance who come forward, much like the actors and men of distinction during the 40's, to promote and express the pride and admiration for, not only World War II veterans, but for all veterans and current active duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel.

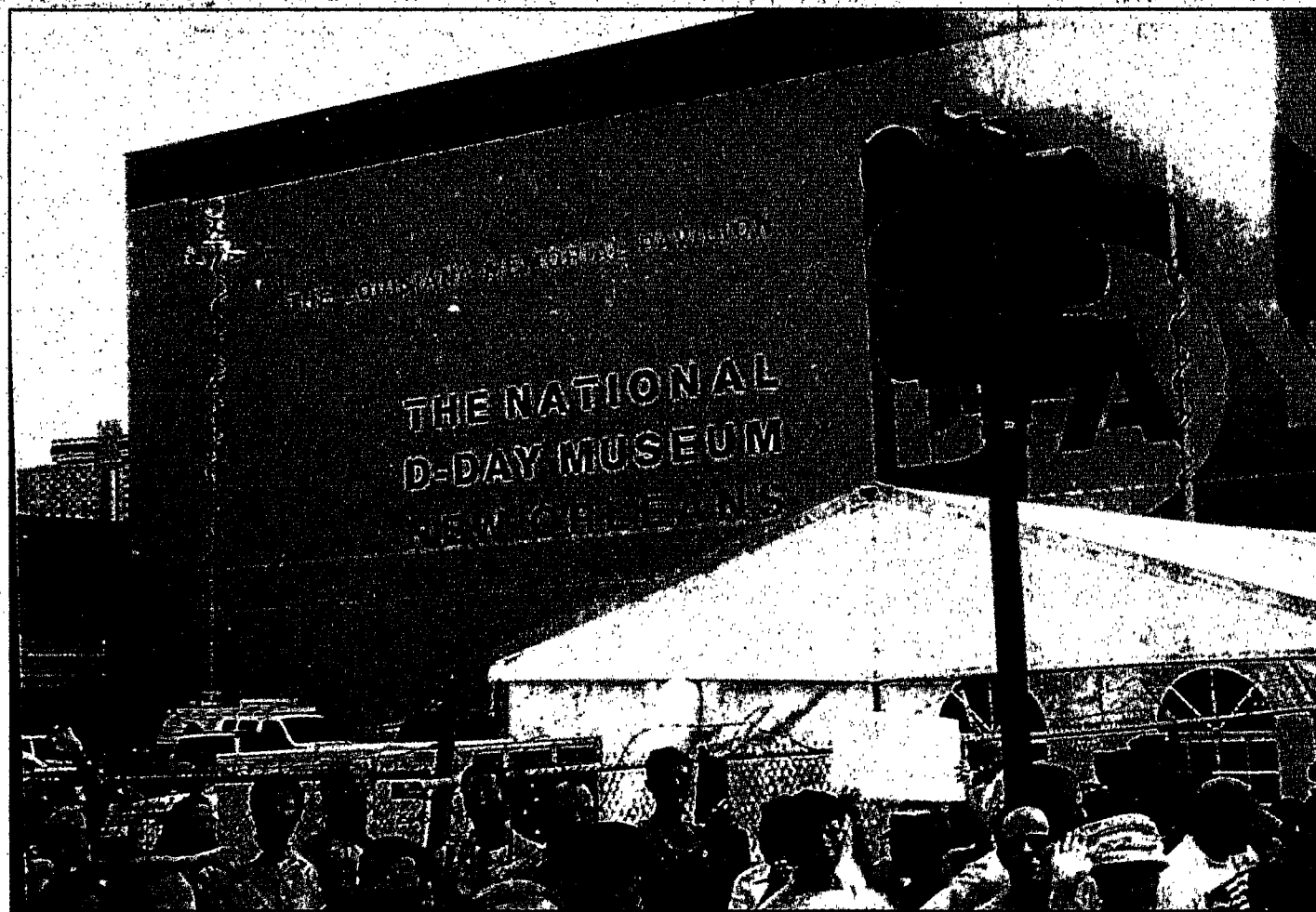
Following the parade the World War II veterans were treated to a USO-style show and opening ceremonies for the National D-Day Museum.

While returning home on the Post 77 bus, these veterans expressed appreciation for the massive turnout of New Orleanians and visitors.



Members of American Legion Post 77 ride in the opening day parade, including Commander Russell Voorhies, front seat; Pat Killeen and Charles Melson, back seat; and Lionel Gerstner, outside.

Members of the 321 MMC/337 TSC with Henry Bearmann, left, and George Baxter.



The glittering new National D-Day Museum in New Orleans on opening day. The museum pays tribute to the young Americans who fought and died on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, in order to turn the tide of World War II.

Celebrate the 4th with fireworks, not firewater

Drinking and boating kill more people during the Fourth of July weekend than any other weekend of the year, according to BoatUS, the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters. BoatUS estimates as many as 60 people will die on the nation's waterways over the four-day July 4th holiday.

"People go boating to forget their cares, but sometimes they also leave their common sense behind," said Ruth Wood, director of the BoatUS Foundation.

"Drinking while boating can be as dangerous as drinking and driving. Even though there are far less boats on the water than cars on the highway, and most boats are slower than most cars, it's just as important

not to mix alcohol and boating as it is to avoid alcohol while driving," she said.

Boaters need to be aware of two specific problems caused by boozing while boating:

- First, because of the combination of prolonged exposure to the sun, wind, noise, vibration and boat motion on the water, "boaters fatigue" can slow reaction time almost as much as if a boater were legally drunk.

- Drinking alcohol makes this "boaters fatigue" much worse, and one beer on the water can affect someone the way three or four beers would on land.

- Second, naming a "designated driver" doesn't work well afloat. Studies by the American

Medical Association and BoatUS Marine Insurance have found that only 20% of the alcohol-related boating deaths are caused by drunk drivers.

Almost half the fatalities happen when the vessels are not even underway - either anchored or at the dock. Passengers don't wear seat belts on boats.

If they've had too much to drink, they may - among other things - fall off the boat, stumble into open hatches, or drown while swimming.

Passengers need to remain aware of their surroundings and practice the same safety measures as the boat driver.

Like driving while intoxicated, boating while intoxicated is

illegal. The U.S. Coast Guard enforces federal law, which sets a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) standard of .10 as legal intoxication.

Intoxicated boaters are 10 times more likely to be killed in a boating accident than those who are not drinking.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia also have laws against boating while intoxicated. BACs of .10 are enforced in 19 states, while 31 have lowered it to .08 or less.

In eight states (Alaska, California, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and New Jersey) people convicted of BUI can also lose their driving licenses.



BoatUS urges safe boating with no alcoholic beverages this Fourth of July weekend.

SPORTS

FISHING RODEO

SET FOR JULY 4 WEEKEND

The 52nd annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo
June 30-July 4 at Rice Pavilion in Gulfport.

Friday, June 30

9 a.m. Scales Open
11 a.m. Midway Opens
6 p.m. Mrs. June Jones School of Dance
8 p.m. Scales Close for the Day
8 p.m. Four Play (band)
9 p.m. Awarding Daily Prizes
9:30 p.m. Entertainment on Stage
Midnight, Rodeo Closes

Saturday, July 1

6 a.m. or Sun Up, Kids Fishing Rodeo Begins (ages 4 to 13)
9 a.m. Scales Open
11 a.m. Midway Opens
Noon, Eddie McDaniel (band)
4 p.m. Fade To Black (band)
6 p.m. Kids Fishing Rodeo Ends
6-7 p.m. Sea Wolves Hockey Team and Mascot Hook (autographs)
7:30 p.m. Awarding of Prizes for Kids Fishing Rodeo
8 p.m. Scales Close for the Day
8 p.m. Pat Murphy Band
9:30 p.m. Awarding of Daily Prizes
Midnight, Rodeo Closes

Sunday, July 2

6 a.m. Cobia Tournament (One-day Shoot-out)
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11 a.m. Midway Opens
Noon, Perfect Mix (band)
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7 p.m. Scales Close for the Day
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8 p.m. Waylon Thibodeaux (band)

Monday, July 3

6 a.m. Red Fish Tournament (one-day shoot-out)
9 a.m. Scales Open
11 a.m. Midway Opens
Noon, Eddie McDaniel's Band
1:30 p.m. Kids' Hula Hoop Contest
4 p.m. Revel Yell (band)
4 p.m. Fire Dogs and Cheerleaders (autographs 4-6 p.m.)
5 p.m. Adult Hula Hoop contest
7 p.m. Scales Close for Red Fish Tournament
8 p.m. Scales Close for the Day
8 p.m. Magnolia (band from New Orleans)
9 p.m. Awarding of Daily Prizes (fishing)
Midnight Rodeo Closes

Tuesday, July 4

9 a.m. Scales Open
11 a.m. Midway Opens
1 p.m. Chuck Ryan (band)
2:30 p.m. Child's Castnet Competition (up to age 12)
4 p.m. Adult Castnet Competition (13 and up)
4 p.m. Scales Close for the 2000 Fishing Rodeo
5:30 p.m. Band Finishes
6 p.m. Awarding Daily Prizes (fishing)
6:30 p.m. Announcement of the 2000 Miss Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Queen
7 p.m. Awarding Final Prizes (fishing)
8 p.m. Garland Moran and the Night (band)
9 p.m. Fireworks Display
10 p.m. Boat Drawing
Midnight Rodeo Ends

(Schedule subject to change. Check with Cary Starr at Rodeo Stage)



ASHLEY BURGESS
Ashley Burgess, daughter of Geoff and Donna Burgess, a Bay High School Junior, represents Hancock County as a Princess in the 2000 Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. Burgess is a member of the Tiger Pride Color Guard and National Honor Society. The annual fishing rodeo will be June 30 through July 4, with headquarters at the Rice Pavilion in Gulfport.



JANIE SLAUGHTER
Janie Slaughter, daughter of Gary and Lynn Slaughter of Bay St. Louis represents the City of Bay St. Louis as a Princess in the 2000 Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo over the long July 4th weekend. Slaughter is a 2000 graduate of Bay High and plans on attending the University of Southern Mississippi in the Fall on a dance scholarship. She has been selected as a member of the USM's Dixie Darlings. Slaughter is employed at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. At Bay High she was a member of the Bay High Steppers Dance Team, the 1999-2000 homecoming queen and nominated the most likely to be missed.



JENNIFER PETERSON
Jennifer Peterson is the representative from the City of Waveland in the 2000 Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. The fishing rodeo starts on Friday, June 30 and ends on Tuesday July 4th. Headquarters for the rodeo is the Rice Pavilion in Gulfport. There will be live entertainment each day at Rice Pavilion as well as displays of the fish.

AAU baseball/softball events

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Also, AAU Baseball will conduct a national high school championship in Austin, Texas July 14-22.

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Hankins tops large late model field at MMP

By Melvin Breland

Approximately 100 cars filled the pits at Mississippi Motorsports Park Saturday night, 26 of which were Late Models. After drawing for heat race starting positions, Wayne Martin, D. G. Hawkins and Ricky Hankins each won heats to place them at the front of the feature race.

Martin and Hankins led the 20-plus field to the green flag. Hankins came out of turn two in the lead and was never challenged as he moved to a comfortable lead on his way to the checkers.

Hawkins, Martin, K. I. Davis, Bubba Schonewitz and Keith Miller battled for position as they blistered the MMP oval.

When the dust settled it was Hawkins, Davis, Schonewitz, and Miller rounding out the top five.

Ben Stephens was another driver going flag to flag for the Modified Outlaw feature win. Stephens and Ron Tubbs won earlier heat races, giving them the front row for the start of the feature. Tubbs was charged with a caution, sending him to the rear of the pack on the early going.

Kalif Sellier worked his way into the second spot, but was unable to reel in Stephens. Jay Ladner held off Donald Parker to finish in the third spot. Tubbs worked his way back into the fifth position as the checker flew.

Lonnie Scarbrough also went on a flag-to-flag run in a large field of Street Stocks. Scarbrough had no problem as he maintained a comfortable lead on his way to the checkers. Rodney Barber picked up a solid second, but could not mount a challenge for the lead. Danny Lee made a strong showing, picking up third over Michael

Williams and Billy Riles. Scarbrough and Riles were both heat race winners.

Heat winner Mike Paillou shared the front row with Mike Ladner for the start of the Pro Stock feature. The two made contact as they came out of turn two, causing both to pit for repairs.

Jeremy Broadus, winner of the last two features at MMP was involved in a crash in turn four, ending his hopes. Ronnie Roberts took over the lead and was able to hold off Donald Parker and Jeff Cooper for the win. Jessie Underwood finished fourth ahead of Ladner and Paillou.

Bill Stewart was able to work his way through a large field of Pure Streets to claim the win and remain undefeated for the season. Rookie Greg Williams had his best showing after moving up in the starting order for the feature due to Michael McFadden suffering a penalty for not going directly to tech after his heat win.

This placed Williams on the pole for the start of the feature, where he was able to hold off all challengers except Stewart.

Robert Ladner finished third while Robert Echols and Kevin Lizana rounded out the top five.

Heat winners Jeremy Lundy and Donnie Tanner headed the lineup for the Legend feature. Tanner managed to hold off challenges from Lundy and Brian McArdle to claim the feature win. Noah Tanner finished fourth ahead of Sean Vickers.

MMP will hold a two-day race June 30 and July 1, double money and double points. All six classes will be on the program, with a demolition derby featured on the Friday night program.

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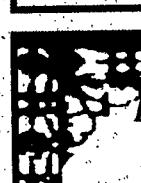
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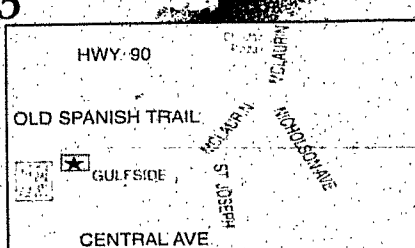
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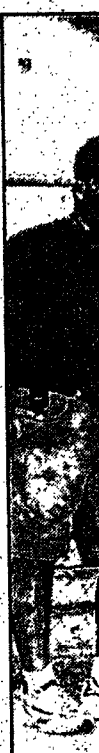
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Regional T-ball tournament at Elwood Bourgeois park



The Burger King T-ball team narrowly lost to D'Iberville's Southern Camper Sales team in the final game of the regional T-ball tournament at Elwood Bourgeois Ballpark in Waveland Monday.

OLA Crescent Athletic Club presents students awards

Our Lady Academy's Crescent Athletic Club presented M.V.P., Sportsmanship, Most Improved, and Spirit Awards for all sports at an OLA student body assembly May 26. Award recipients include:

Basketball
M.V.P. Tonya, Piernas
M.V.P. Keith, Puckett
Sportsmanship, Megan Hunter
Most Improved, Ashton Johnson
Spirit, Margaret Magers
Cross-Country
M.V.P. Lauren Hansell
Sportsmanship, Tess Sison
Most Improved, Jennifer Asper
Most Improved, Mindy Davis
Spirit, Sarah Crowe
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Sportsmanship, Clare Adam
Most Improved, Jenny Adams
Spirit, Camille Covington
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Most Improved, Ellen Ladner
Spirit, Alicia Asper
Softball
M.V.P. Emily Meyers
M.V.P. Katherine Milner
Sportsmanship, Julie Reboul
Most Improved, Nora Oliver
Spirit, Mindy Davis
Swimming
M.V.P. Lauren Veach
Sportsmanship, Katy Kennedy
Most Improved, Candace Mixon
Spirit, Lylliam Velazquez
Tennis
M.V.P. Sarah Carter
Sportsmanship, Elizabeth Uram
Most Improved, Cathy Fonte
Spirit, Christine Bratton
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Most Improved, Candace Mixon
Spirit, Sarah Crowe
Volleyball
M.V.P. Jill Rutherford
Sportsmanship, Jillian Hunter
Sportsmanship, Jodie Myers
Most Improved, Megan Pigott
Spirit, Emily Meyers

Fire Dogs linebacker is retiring

The Mississippi Fire Dogs have announced the retirement of Linebacker Brad Hignight.

Hignight suffered a momentary paralysis following a helmet-to-helmet collision with teammate Derrick Cagins late in the second quarter of Saturday's 40-30 loss at the hands of the Mobile Seagulls.

Hignight was taken to Gulf Coast Medical Center, given an MRI, treated for a concussion and herniated disks, then released after being told to see a neurosurgeon.

As you may remember, Hignight suffered a neck injury last season in the playoff game at Hawaii.

Hignight met with team physicians Dr. Jeff Noblin and Dr. Robert Terrell and decided to retire from football.

"After discussing it with my family, friends, girlfriend and teammates, I have decided to no longer play the game of football. I have played football all my life and will miss the game, but most of all miss my teammates and the camaraderie in the locker room," said Hignight.

General Manager/Head Coach John Forcade said, "We will miss Brad the player, but Brad will still be out there helping the Fire Dogs at practice and out in the community. We are just happy Brad is walking around giving everyone a hard time and cracking jokes."

For more information, call the Mississippi Fire Dogs at 228-388-1876.

Pass Ladies Golf results announced

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association June 27 Flag Day winners include:
First, Dee Horst; second, Inge Crochet; third, Sharon Jann; fourth, Joyce Keenan; fifth, June Hardy; sixth, Debbie Wolf; seventh, Jolee Burrus; and eighth, Sara Schexnaydre.
Chip-ins: Dee Horst and Joyce Viehmann.
Nine-Holers: first, Lisa Couey; second, Claire Loup; and third, Pat Miramon.

Free soccer clinic offered

Bay Area Youth Soccer has announced that a Major League Soccer (MLS) free soccer clinic will be conducted Thursday, June 29, 6-8 p.m. at the Demboski Soccer Complex off Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis. Parents and coaches may also attend the free clinic.

A team of international coaches, specifically trained and qualified in coaching soccer to children, provide MSL campers with expert soccer instruction.

BAYS will also be taking

final registrations for week-long soccer camps for players 5-18 to be held July 10-14 at the Demboski Soccer Complex.

For information regarding camp prices and times, contact Salah Gargoum at 228-255-3232 or e-mail: srgargoum@avondale.com. MSL camps are the official camp of both the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and Major League Soccer (MLS), organizations committed to developing and delivering quality youth programs.

BAYS soccer camp slated

Bay Area Youth Soccer announces Soccer Camp 2000, which will take place July 10-14 at the Demboski Soccer Complex, Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis for ages:
5-6, 8:30-10 am \$ 65
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9 & up, 5-8 pm \$100
Includes: ball and T-shirt
Registration deadline: June 26

Contact: Salah Gargoum, 228-255-3232 or 504-437-3550 or e-mail: srgargoum@avondale.com

All BAYS registered players will be receiving application forms in the mail. Return applications to Salah Gargoum: 2428 Hau Street, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

DWGA results

Diamondhead Women Golf Association June 22 winners include:

First flight: first, Sylvia Smith; second, Claudia Thompson; third, Cleo Watson

Second flight: first, Mitzi Lenz; second, Peggy Knapp;

third, Faye Baldwin
Third flight: first, Marion Boudreaux; second, Darlene Ray; third, Mary Clare Skaggs

Fourth flight: first, Debbie Cumberland; second, Marilyn Valentino; third, Jean Dorman

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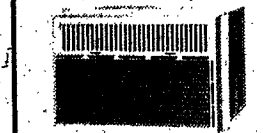
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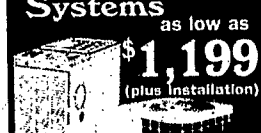
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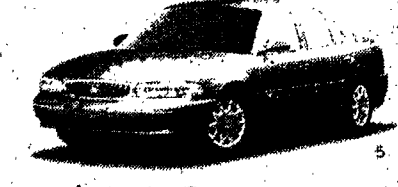
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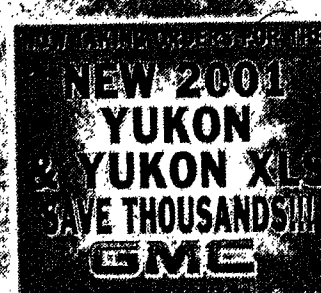
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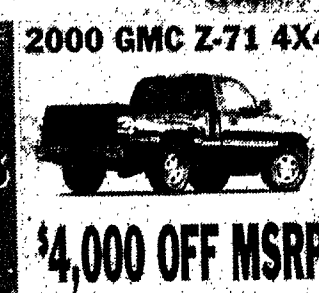
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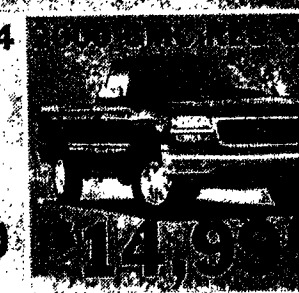
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Main Street Methodist Church dedicates Center

Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis had dedication of its Christian Resource Center Sunday, June 25. The library was designated a Christian resource center for the purpose of providing materials for study, spiritual growth, and inspiration for Main Street's church family. The center will be open daily during regular church hours, 8 a.m. until noon weekdays before and after each worship service, and through pre-arranged times with the library chairperson or the church office. From left, Christian Resource Committee members Eve McDonald, Lynette Nybo, Anita Montgomery, Betty Allen (chairperson), and Rev. Van Carpenter (pastor, Main Street) are shown at the ribbon cutting of the new Christian Resource Center at Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. Committee members not pictured are Barbara Lemon, Bob Calahan, Lelyn Nybo, and Connie Matthews.

Main Street's Club Can-Do bible school now registering

Main Street United Methodist Church is currently registering for their clubhouse of Can-Do Kids. All kids are welcome.

At "Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care," kids will see how children from the Old and New Testament fulfilled God's plan in Bible times.

Join the club for Can-Do stories, Can-Do songs, Can-Do games, Can-Do crafts and Can-Do fun.

Club meetings will be Monday, July 10 through

Friday, July 14, 8:30 a.m.-noon at the church, 162 Main Street in Bay St. Louis.

Director Bet Delcuze wants everyone to visit the VBS website at www.clubcando.com for information.

As in years past, club members can help other children through their voluntary donations during the week of Vacation Bible School.

Hope Haven has been selected again this year as the local mission project for the club.

Club members may give cleaning supplies or monetary donations to be used to purchase items needed at the shelter.

Club members from Kindergarten (5 years old by Sept. 1) through sixth grade can pre-register by contacting the church office at 467-4538 between 8 a.m. and noon (weekdays) before July 7.

Children may also be registered Monday, July 10, 8-8:30 a.m. in the church Multi-purpose Building (which faces Second Street).

Ladner makes President's list at USM

Julie Rose Ladner was named to the President's list for the University of Southern Mississippi for the spring semester.

She is the daughter of Susan and Gary Ladner of Ballentine Street, Bay St. Louis.



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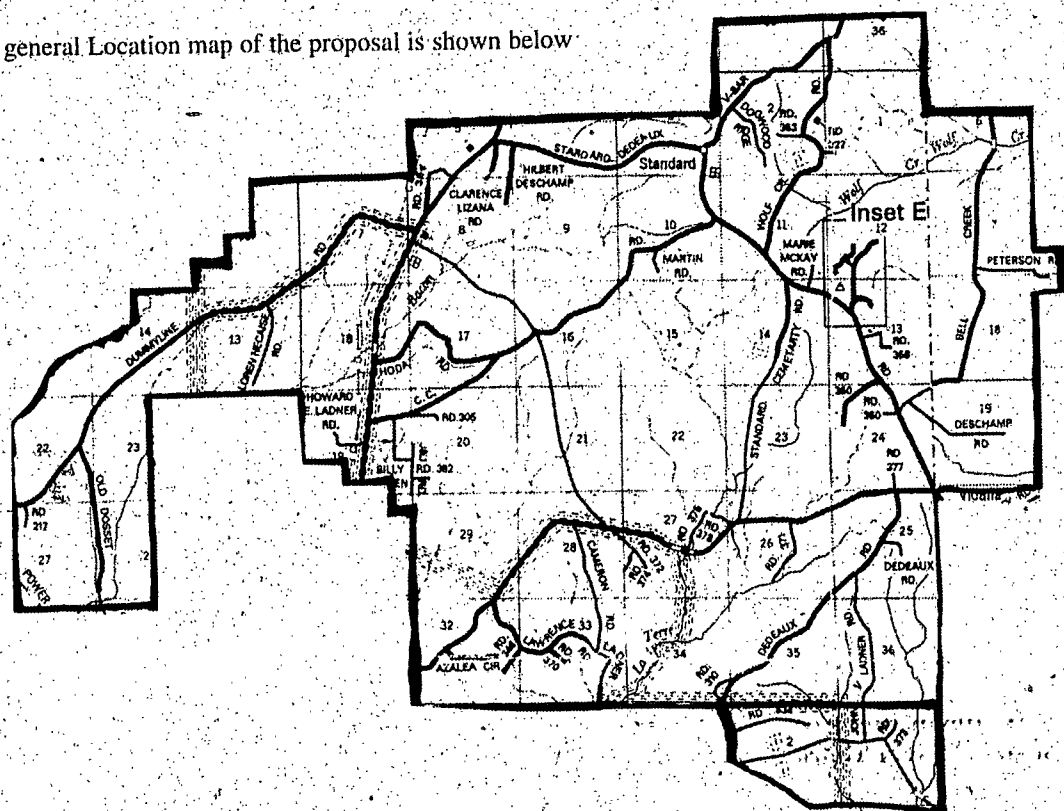
The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Standard Dedaux Water Association. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project is intended to provide a clean, safe and sanitary water supply to the households of the area. The project area will cover the Northeast and Central part of Hancock County and part of the upper Northwest Harrison County. The proposed project will include the conversion of 1.5 acres of land from the necessary well and tanks.

Alternatives to the proposed project include only not to construct the water system. However, without the proposed project, the existing residents will continue to rely upon individual water wells. Most of these wells produce water of poor quality. The proposed community water system will provide a better source of fire protection which can be utilized by the local voluntary fire department. "Filler-valves" will be installed in the area to fill fire department tanker trucks in events of emergency.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, 132 Mayfair Rd., Suite C, Hattiesburg MS 39402. For further information contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist, at 601-261-3293. Any Person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by 7/22/00.

A general Location map of the proposal is shown below



VFW auxiliary announces officers

State President Mae Keeling of Greenville presided at the 60th annual convention of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW in Tupelo at the Ramada Inn June 16-18. Officers and delegates from 99 auxiliaries in Mississippi attended the three-day event.

Dianne Brown, member of Auxiliary 4490 in Aberdeen, was elected state president. Brown will lead the 7,000-member organization this year with her theme, "Love Is the Music of the Heart." She was installed by National Junior Vice President Diana Stout of Charleston, W.V.

Other state officers elected were Judy Patterson of Yazoo City, senior vice president; Ann Marinovich of Biloxi, junior vice president; Janice White of Pascagoula, treasurer; Sue Richard of Kiln, chaplain; Bettye Mott of Hattiesburg, conductress; and Faye Sanders of Vicksburg, guard.

Rita Watson Smith of Koseusko was appointed secretary, and Catherine Beard of Eupora was appointed chief of staff. Gladys Clark of Carriere was appointed historian. Bobbie

Howell of Corinth is serving as National District council member No. 19 representing Mississippi and Louisiana.

Installed as district presidents and members of the Council of Administration were District 1 President Bean Oliver of d'Iberville; District 2 President Catherine Barnes of Hattiesburg; District 3 President Floye McClelland of Brookhaven; and District 4 President Marguerite Marcangeli of Philadelphia.

Also, District 5 President Marie James of Clinton; District 6 President Virginia Kay Holland of Eupora; District 7 President Bea Cox of Cleveland; District 8 President Linda Butler of Tupelo; and District 9 President Vila Mae Sims of Grenada.

Mae Keeling of Greenville was installed as junior past Department president and member of the Council as well.

Members attending from Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 3253 in Bay St. Louis were President Cindy Schoonmaker and Treasurer Evelyn Sick, and

from Post 3253, Gene Schloegel and Arthur Leinenweber.

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The world turns softly so as not to spill its lakes and rivers.

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We need wild beaches where we can sit and listen to the waves, feel the sand on our feet and let our minds and souls be renewed. We need these wild edges.

Jeff Rennieke
Some things arrive in their own mysterious hour, on their own terms and not yours, to be seized or relinquished forever.

Godwin
These beautiful days must enrich all my life. They not exist as mere picture - maps hung upon the walls of memory, but they saturate themselves into every part of the body and live always.

T. H. Watkins

Glaciers move in tides. So do mountains. So do all things.

T. H. Watkins
No one really knows a bird until he has seen it in flight.

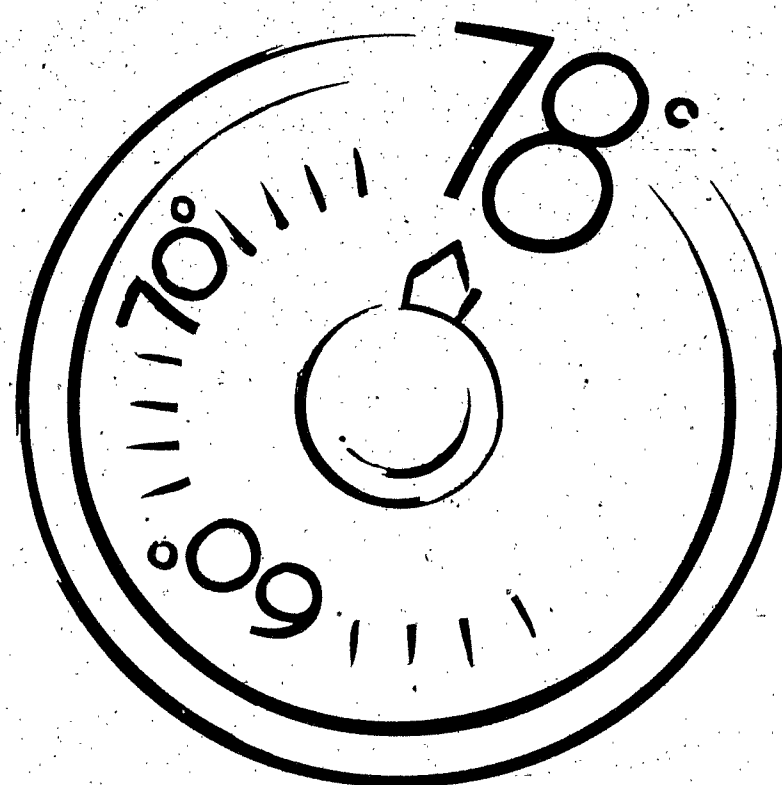
Henry Beston
Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young.

Psalm 84:4
On Saturday, July 1, the CYO will have an Italian dinner dance after the 5 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, July 2, the Parish CYO will have a cake sale after the 8 and 10:30 a.m. mass.

Let's not forget to fly our American flags Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day.

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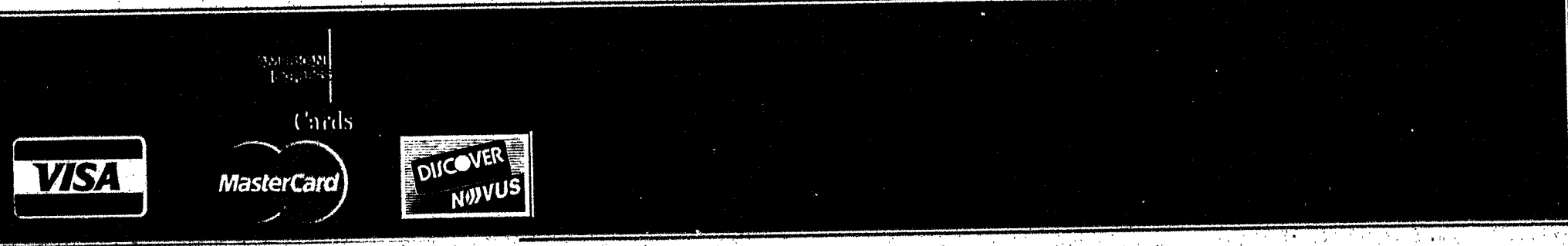
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Hancock announces 9th-11th special recognition, subject award winners

The Hancock County School District Superintendent's Office has released a list of special recognition award winners and subject award winners:

Subject Awards

Art I - Chase Cuevas, Brandon Necaise, Curtis Watkins
Geometry - Whitney Davis, Anthony Holton
GTA I - Cristina Sequeira
GTA 11 - Tim Norgart
Algebra I - Adrian Boone, Daron Boone, Jonathan Cooley, Alicia Mauffray, Eric Quibodeaux, Danielle Vail, Andrew Walley
Pre-Algebra - Morgan Boga
Algebra II - Sean Cannon, Ryan Chotto, Shelly Paige, Robert Strong
Algebra 1/2 - Kasie Cook, David Silas
U.S. History - Ra'Shae Bond, Mandy Hall, Jeremy Lafontaine, Christy Meyers, Senith Tamborella
U.S. History AP - Cristina Sequeira, Laura Silas
World History - Don Boudreaux, Damien Cuevas, Timothy Herron, Karolina Sarnowska, Michael Sones, Joshua Speck
Mississippi Studies - Kathryn Easter, Kayla Stephenson, Jeremy Strief
U.S. Government - Michael Abadie, Stacey Gunderson
Biblical History - Joseph Bacallao
Geography - Melanie Collins, Lacey Heard, Eric Herrera, Wanetta Payne, Jeremie Ramond, Andrea White
English I - Amber Faye, Casie Meyer, Julie Mitchell, Layla Mitchell

English I Accelerated - Kathryn Easter, Andrew Walley
English II - Dustin Hariel, Tara Keller, Ashley Longoria, Stephanie Peterson
English II Accelerated - Matthew Ladner, Cindy Le
English III - Brandie Beeson, Jason Phillips, Jessica Spangler, Owen Villata
English III Accelerated - Sandy Le
English Skills - Steven Bounds, Curtis Saucier
Employment English - Brandon Winslow
Creative Writing - Devin Busha
Theatre I - Joseph Bacallao, Devin Busha
Theatre II - April Carter, Chelsea Paschall
Spanish I - Misty Harter, Kyle Necaise
Spanish II - Karolina Sarnowska
French II - Chelsea Caldwell, Josh Daniels
German I - Melanie Collins, Bridget Gaskill
Creative Writing - NeCole Palermo
Economics - Michael Dant, Brandon Winslow
Lodging and Hospitality I - Bess Wilson
Building Trades I - Beth Nesom, Louis Nunez
Building Trades II - Joseph Bacallao, Herbert Spencer
Drafting I - Amanda Francis, Catherine Hennessey
Drafting II - Daniel Hamburg, Jessica Spangler
Health - Michelle Campananli, Jami English, Marcus Ladner, Candida Laine, Lynn Morrison, Darryl Pace, Patrick Vosbein

Art I - Kathryn Easter
JROTC I - Katherine Bruce, Chase Cronan, Houston Nations
JROTC II - Patricia Baughman, Ashley Marceaux, Chrissy Shelton
JROTC III - Allen Chappetta, Tara Keller
JROTC IV - Heath Mangham, Brandi Peterson
Keyboarding - Steven Bounds
Safety Education - Brandon Hunt, Karolina Sarnowska
Biology I - Adrian Boone, Lavonna Lee, Selwyn Ruthford, Jessica Stimens, Hope Theobald, Jennifer Thigpen
Biology II - Randall Dannemann, Misty Hariel, Corbett Sheffield
Marine Science - Deanna Gambill, Brandi Sellier
Physical Science - Bobbi Jo Kirk, Stephanie Peterson
Environmental Science - Jennifer Bingham, Elizabeth Wahl
Chemistry I - Jenna Plaisance, Edward Schultz
Chemistry II - Wesley Lottes
Sociology - Drake Ladner, Holly LeRouge
Psychology - Rhonie Lacoste, Randy Ladner
Aerospace - Kerrie Feigel, Daniel Hamburg, Chase Sackett
Technology - Discovery - Poshia Briney, Scott Sherwood
Desktop Publishing - Kimberly Phillips, Ashley Zoerner
Career Prep I - Jonathan Frazier, Samuel Mason
Auto Mechanics I - Robert Hodge, Lester Kuykendall
Auto Mechanics II - Joshua Craft, Drake Ladner

Child Care I - Judith McGill, Amanda Pouncey
Child Care II - Rachel Lepine, Kerrie Watts
Cooperative Education - Lanny Necaise
Food Service I - Jene Wadsworth
Food Service II - Kaci Carver, Staci Shaw
Metal Trades I - Elisha Lee
Metal Trades II - P.C. Ball, Christopher Head
Welding I - Jason Browning, Thomas Hollingsworth
Welding II - Steven Evans, Todd Hall
Technology Applications I - Adam McCain, John Robbins
Technology Applications II - Raymond Pucheu, Valerie Singleton
Business & Computer Technology I - Wishonda Acker, Phoung Le
Business & Computer Technology II - Candida Laine
Health Occupations I - Erica Edwards
Health Occupations II - Fallon Faye
Family Life & Development - Jennifer Glover, Mandy Rothering
Personal Finance - Teresa Gibbs
Research Using Information Tools - Scott Carey
Driver Education - Amanda Lovelace, Karolina Sarnowska
Learning Strategies - Melissa Smith
Living Skills - Warren Dubose, Senith Tamborella
Word Processing - Rachel Hoover

Special Recognition Awards

James Grady Wyly IV, Spencer John Zeigler, and Jacobo Raul Zertuche Cedillo.
St. Stanislaus is a Catholic residency and day school for students in grades 6-12. The school fosters character formation and integrates faith development within a curriculum, which is primarily college preparatory.

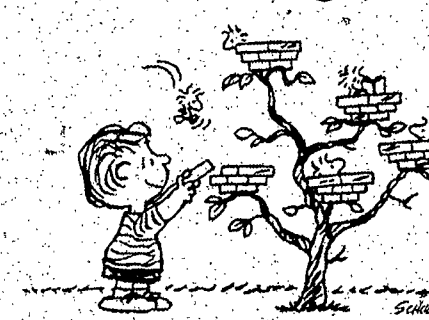
Bausch & Lomb Science Award - Mandy Hall
Boeing/Rocketdyne Most Outstanding Math/Science Student - Stephen Adamec, Ryan Chotto, Mandy Hall
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning/BellSouth Pioneers Poster & Essay Contest Winner - Sharon Morgan
Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership - Bess Wilson
International Youth Ambassador - Sergiy Ivanenko, Karen Lux, Martina Wuestemann
American Legion Girls State - Inger Breau, Melissa Estapa, Jasmin Gargoum, Katie Hoover, Kristie Keating, Mia Ladner, Holly LeRouge, Dorothy Porcello, Casey Tolar, Alison Walsh, Kim Woods, Crystal Wooten
American Legion Boys State - Dennis Barter, Russell Dreifus, Tyler Hall, Daniel Hamburg, Alex Ladner, Kendall Ladner, Tim Norgast, Lawrence Peterson, Owen Sullivan
Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Student Director - Alison Walsh
Lion's Leadership Conference - Kevin Allemand, Dorothy Porcello
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St. Stanislaus holds eighth grade promotion

St. Stanislaus held its Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony Thursday, May 30, 2000, in the school's Resource Center.

Special awards of recognition to students for their exemplary qualities of conduct character and service were presented by Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., principal; Brother Ronald Talbot, S.C., president; Fred Cherota, assistant principal for curriculum and instruction; Susan Estrade, assistant principal for supervision and student activities; and Chuck Genin, assistant principal for discipline and a 1975 graduate of St. Stanislaus; and Brother Eduardo Baldiaceda, S.C., eighth grade prefect.

Perfect Attendance Certificates were presented to Robert Earl Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bass, Jr., of Long Beach; Ryan Adam Dumas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dumas currently stationed in Japan; and Colin Andrew Wilson, son of Jean Gardner of Diamondhead and Steven Wilson of Pass Christian.

The Conduct Award for a day student was presented to Andrew Shell Waterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Waterman IV of Bay St. Louis. The American Legion Awards were presented to David Neal Bradley, son of Dr. Leigh Ann Bradley of Pass Christian and Tim Bradley of Houston, Texas; and Michael Wilson Enloe, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Enloe of Diamondhead. The Character Cup for a day student was presented to Joseph Carl Mortimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mortimer of Carriere, Miss.

The Conduct Award for a resident student was presented to Craig Michael Klempeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Klempeter of Port Allen, La. The Character Award for a resident student

was presented to Jonathan Taylor Lee Carlton, son of Barbara Carlton of New Orleans and Mr. Wayne Carlton, Jr., of New Orleans. The Character Cup for a resident student was presented to Adrian Galvan Valdes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Galvan Anciana of Monterrey, Mexico.

Certificates of Promotion were conferred upon the following students who successfully completed the junior high school course of studies, as prescribed by St. Stanislaus, with the approval of the Diocese of Biloxi, the State Department of Education, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools:

Darius Nathaniel Acker, Arthur Lee Anderson III, Robert Earl Bass III, Charles Aaron Baxter, Marc Kevin Kelsick Belizaire, Juan Pablo Borrego Trevino, Benjamin Paul Bourgeois, Jarrod Leonard Bourgeois, David Neal Bradley, Michael Timothy Bradley, James Beaudry Brodtmann, Dustin Michael Broekman, Jeremy Lamar Burke, Jonathan Taylor Lee Carlton, John Charles Chapoton, David Michael Clayton, Stefan Paul Claytop, Andrew Barrett Collins, Nicholas James Cotter, Brandon Christopher Crowley, and Kevin James D'Spain.

Also receiving Promotion Certificates were Robert Schaeffer Dane, Travis Lee Deano, Zachary Paul Delaney, Adam Rene Delgado, Ryan Adam Dumas, Michael Wilson Enloe, Albert Newman Estopinal, Brad Andrew Farrar, Christopher Darnell France, Kevin Tyler Gallagher, Adrian Galvan Valdes, Carlos Antonio Garcia-Urde, Ryan Eric Garland, Luca Gerard Giardino, Christopher Michael Gootee,

Thomas Miller Gordon, Zachary Colin Hand, Mason Coe Hester, Michael Iskandar, Herman Willie Johnson III, Jacob Louis Johnson, Michael Andrew Kivlan, and Craig Michael Klempeter, Jr.

Other recipients of Promotion Certificates were Thomas Charles Koch, Thomas Joseph Koger, Timothy Kyle Kulikowski, James London Landgrave, Stephan Hunter Landgrave, Kyle James Lewis, Joshua Craig Lingsch, William Kyle Loftus, Eric Thomas Louis Loprete, Alex James Maddaloni, Enrique Marcos Trovino, David Wayne May, Kelly David McBride, William Frederick Mestayer, Kace Tyler Mitchell, Joseph Carl Mortimer, Jr., Robert William Murray, Tyler Preston Niemeyer, William Robert Nobel, Jaime Antonio Obando III, Robert Sean Olsen, Justin Michael Peacock, Joshua Marion Pitalo, Joshua Louis Pittman, Andrew John Pretzello, Jr., Josue Reynoso Franco, Litho Rivas, Larry Steven Roberts, Jr., Josuha Lowell Robinson, Christopher Wilkinson Roth, Darryl Michael Russell, Jr., Michael Edward Savage, and Kevin Edward Schaumburg.

Additional Recipients of Promotion Certificates were Curtis Bradley Schmitt, Richard Anthony Schorr, Joshua Mark Schultz, Jonathan Harry Strandridge, Kris Swartzendruber, Jr., Anthony Montalvo Taylor, Paul Marshall Ticer, James Edward Tingstrom, Cory Paul Vollenweider, James Andrew Waggoner, Jr., Andrew Douglas Walsh, Christopher Thomas Ward, Andrew Shell Waterman, Nicholas Emile Weinmann, Thomas Scott Wilder, Chavis Michael Williams, Christopher Scott Williams, Colin Andrew Wilson,

Lennon selected for Ambassador Program

Rachel Lennon, 13, daughter of Thomas and Winnie Lennon of Bay St. Louis, has been selected by the People to People Student Ambassador Program to visit Australia this summer.

She will be traveling with a delegation of student and teachers.

She is also a student at Our Lady Academy.

Rachel will spend approximately three weeks learning about the government, economy, and culture of Australia through activities such as briefing at embassies and ministries, discussions with industry and

trade officials, site visits to the headquarters or international organizations, and meetings with youth clubs.

She will receive an overview of the cultural heritage of each country during visits to major historical sites and performances of ethnic music and dance.

The delegation will travel to Cairnes, the Great Barrier Reef off the center of northern Queensland and travel down the East Coast to Sydney, where they will tour the world-famous Sydney Opera House.

Rachel was selected on the

basis of recommendations, including personal interviews with members of a screening committee in New Orleans.

Once she was accepted into the program, she prepared for her overseas project by attending orientation meetings in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, studying background material on the countries and organizations she will visit.

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Rachel plans to visit the British Isles next summer.

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93 Yard Sale

1986 FORD F250 DIESEL, 1983 MUSTANG GT motor apart, older 14' boat with new trailer, wrecked 1986 Honda Magna 1100, 1979 Honda xr75, refrigerator, lots of bicycles, motor cycle parts, golf bag, MG wire wheels, Sat. July 1st, 8am-2pm, 342 Demonluzin BSL.

322 TERRACE AVE. WAVELAND. HEAVY exercise machine, baby stroller & playpen, carnival beads, clothes, etc. 9-3 Sat. July 1st.

ATTIC CLEAN OUT, DIAMONDHEAD. Lots of old misc. stuff, Sat. July 1st, 8-12. Take Diamondhead Dr. East to Hilo St., first left, 684 Oahu.

GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY, JULY 1st, 8:00-3:00. Everything must go CHEAP! CHEAP! Lots of clothes & misc. items. 16035 Magnolia St., Silver Creek Acres, Kiln, (2nd house on left).

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY. TAGYARD SALE, 205-209 Ullman Ave. Lots of parking, 8-12 only, rain or shine, no early birds. Sat. 7/01.

INDOOR RUMMAGE SALE: SAT. 07/01, 7:30-1:30 at 601 Bouslog St. BSL Lots of misc. items.

MOVING SALE: 4020 NORTH CAROLINA ST., Waveland, 8:00AM-5:00PM, Fri. day-Saturday, 6 rooms of furniture.

MOVING SALE: MISC. ITEMS, CLOTHING, and furniture, Sat. & Sun. July 1st & 2nd 7:00 am until 24 Paradise Point.

R & S FLEA MARKET: GOING OUT OF business last week. Big 1/2 price sale, baby items, air conditioner, big desk, lots of misc. Real cheap, dealers welcome. Fri. Sat., Sun., 10-11th. Hwy 90, going toward Bayside Park.

SALE INSIDE: UNUSUAL ANTIQUES, BEAUTIFUL crystal, 1970 Mercedes hubcaps 5 gallon still, giant crab boiling pot, parts for 1970 220 Mercedes, parts for 1980 Transam, classical cassettes, children's books, VCR, tapes, and toys. House items and odds and ends 4-family sale, July 1st & 2nd, Bayou Phillips community center, Hwy 90 and Harbor Dr. about 3 miles west of Walmart. 7am till.

SAT. JULY 1ST, 8:00 AM TILL 2:00 PM. 11054 Joe's Bayou Rd.

SATURDAY ONLY, 8 AM TILL NOON. 402 Necaise St. off Central, Waveland. Clothes, kid's toys, computer, office desk.

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST, 8:00 AM. 1225 LONGO St. Waveland.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY JUNE 28TH & 29TH, at 504C Garfield St. Waveland, includes new Queen spread \$25, many other items.

YARD SALE: 205 BAY OAKS DRIVE, Saturday, July 1st, 9a.m. - 5p.m.

96 Wanted To Buy

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

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128 Boats & Motors

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136 Automobiles

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NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication:

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BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520
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The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication:

1989 Toyota Celica
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309 Union Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
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6/29, 7/6/00

138 Trucks, Vans

1985 CHEVY BLAZER, AUTOMATIC, NEW a/c. \$2200. 466-0718.

1986 TOYOTA SR-5 EXTENDED CAB, 4X4, good condition, runs great, new tires, \$4,500. 467-0792.

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159 Houses For Sale

2 BEDROOM CAMP, Shoreline Park on the water, \$65,000 negotiable. 9167 Crane St., B.S.L. 467-1038.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH ON 50X140 LOT in Waveland near school. \$49,500. 463-0916.

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4MILLFENTON **JUNE TERM, 2000**
DECLARE INTENT TO LEVY 4 MILLS
FENTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Whereupon it was n, v, ed by Supervisor Lisa Cowan
seconded by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, the adoption
the following resolution
RESOLUTION OF THE: HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO
LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF A
SSESSED VALUATI(N IN THE FENTON FIRE PRO
TECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSIS
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Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Fent
Fire Protection District of Hancock County Mississ

at their meeting on May 22, 2000 by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Sections 4-6-102 (2) (a), Mississippi Code of 1972 (as noted); and

Whereas: the proceeds of said levy shall be used by the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the Fannin Fire Protection District and the Wilkes County Fire Protection District, it shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county, and the intent of this resolution is that, during the time of its publication in the newspaper, if any day that twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after the date of its publication in the newspaper, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made.

less authorized by a majority of the votes cast at election to be called and held for that purpose with this notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intend to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed value in the Fannie Mae Improvement District, to proceed to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2000 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (c), Mississippi Code of 1992 Annotated, and that the Clerk be and he is hereby directed to be and he is directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

The matter then being put to a roll-call vote, the result was as follows:

Yes: Supervisors Lyonne Ladner, Roddy Williams, Pulman, Lisa Coward, Steve Seymour and Jay C. Davis.

Those voting No: None.

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all members of the Board, the President declared the motion carried this the 19th day of June, 2000.

Published by Order of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors dated this the 19th day of June, 2000.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELL
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
BY: Penny Dean, C
6/22; 6/29; 7/6

PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to the Fourth of July Holiday, the Bay St. Louis City Council workshop and meeting scheduled for Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th, 2000 will be held on Wednesday, July 5th, at 7:00 p.m. The City Council meeting will follow on Thursday, July 6th, beginning at 7:00 pm.
The City Council workshop and meeting will be held at the City Hall Annex, 11 Court Street. All interested parties are invited to attend.
PAULA G. FAIRCOURT
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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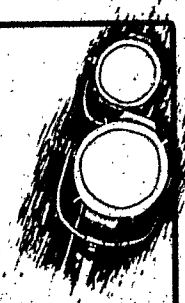
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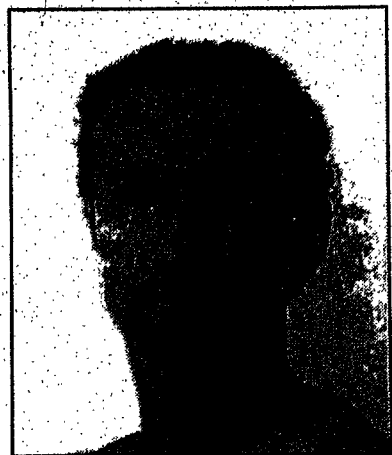
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Rodgers entertains at Casino Magic



Paul Rodgers

Paul Rodgers is the voice and co-composer behind numerous classic multi-million selling hit singles and albums with bands such as Bad Company, Free, and The Firm. Now you can see him at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis this Friday (June 30) at 9 p.m. for \$10, \$15 and \$20.

In a career spanning almost 30 years, Paul Rodgers has sold in excess of 125 million records worldwide. He is a singer/songwriter, but also plays guitar, piano, bass and harmonica. His career began as the singer with Roadrunners & Brown Sugar.

In 1968 he was a founder member of 'Free'. Free toured the US in 1969, '71, '72 & '73, and also played at the Hollywood Music Festival, Staffordshire in 1970, the Isle of Wight Festival in 1970, with tours of the UK and Japan in 1972.

His album recordings with 'Free' include: Tons of Sobs in 1968, Free in 1969, Fire and Water in 1970, Highway in 1971, Free Live in 1971, Free at Last in 1972, Heartbreaker in 1973, The Free Story in 1973, The Best of Free in 1991, and Walk In My Shadow - an introduction to Free, 1998.

Singles with 'Free' were, All Right Now, My Brother Jake, Little Bit of Love and Wishing Well.

He formed a short-lived band called Peace, during the break-up period of Free, and it was at this time he first met and formed his partnership with Mick Ralphs.

When Free disbanded in 1973, Rodgers formed Bad Company with Mott the Hoople, guitarist, Mick Ralphs. Together they auditioned players and settled on former King Crimson bassist, Boz Burrell, and drummer, Simon Kirke. Rodgers approached Led Zeppelin's manager, Peter Grant, who signed the group to Zeppelin's newly formed Swan Song Records.

Rodgers came up with the

name, "Bad Company." His idea was met with resistance from the band, management and the record company. Rodgers stuck to his guns and so Bad Company it was. "Bad Company", their 1974 debut album, enjoyed international success.

"Bad Company" took off like a rocket in the US," remembers Rodgers. "When we started our first US tour, the album was ninety-nine in the charts. By the time we worked our way across America it hit number one".

One of the most popular of all rock bands, Rodgers' six multi-platinum albums with Bad Company have spawned such enduring radio classics as Rock 'n Roll Fantasy, Shooting Star, Run With The Pack, and Rock Steady, all written by Paul Rodgers.

A note of interest, on Rock 'n Roll Fantasy, he played all of the guitar parts. The group's popular greatest hits compilation "10 From 6," remains an essential primer for fans throughout the world.

Bad Company continued its blues rocking ways with 1999's "Original Bad Co. Anthology", on Elektra Records, and the first single taken from this, Hey, Hey.

After leaving Bad Company, Rodgers recorded a solo album, "Cut Loose", on which he played all the instruments. Later that year he played with Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page and Jeff Beck on The Ronnie Lane ARMS appeal concert tour in 1983.

Since leaving Bad Company, Rodgers has maintained a high profile. Following "Cut Loose" his 1983 solo effort, Rodgers formed The Firm, a popular partnership with former Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page. As well as touring in Europe and the USA during 1985-86 they released two albums, "The Firm" in 1985 and "Mean Business" in 1986.

Singles included Radioactive, Satisfaction Guaranteed and All The Kings Horses. Rodgers and Page had first collaborated on the Bill Wyman organized "Willie And The Poor Boys" album.

That successful union led to their joint billing on the US leg of the historic ARMS tour. At the tour's conclusion, the two formed The Firm with bassist Tony Franklin and former AC/DC drummer, Chris Slade. (Most fans know that Paul wrote "Radioactive", not many know that he played the guitar solo.)

Rodgers formed 'The Law' in 1991 with Kenney Jones of the Small Faces & The Who. They released one album titled "The Law", with the hit ADR Radio single, Laying Down The Law.

In 1993, Paul Rodgers began his solo career. He formed new band(s), which have toured

Haugh's work on display at Serenity for Second Saturday

For the fourth Second Saturday at Serenity Gallery this season - July 8 - Richard Alan Haugh will be the featured artist. The reception for the artist will be from 5 until 8 p.m.

Haugh is the most popular emerging artist at Serenity, and collectors as well as regular visitors to the gallery look forward to what he will do next.

His new works are examples of new styles and techniques he has learned in the past year. Oil paints were fairly new to him, and he wanted to learn how to control the paint and colors.

He has learned more about which colors go with other colors in different situations. He has learned so much in the past year, but he has a lot to learn he says.

These current works are inspired by some of the old masters; Leonardo, Raphael, Michaelangelo, etc. Haugh says he looked through different art history books and studied the style and brush strokes of the artists.

He found some interesting paintings that he decided to mimic and learn from. He then took photographs of a couple of classmates, from William Carey College, in poses similar to the old paintings. He changes different parts of the painting by adding and subtracting elements of the composition.

Some of his paintings do not look anything like the painting that inspired them,



'Sibyl,' by Richard Alan Haugh

and some look very similar. His main goal was to learn about color, brush technique and a new style. He admits that he wants to learn from others and apply what he learns to his own future style.

Richard Alan Haugh already has style. And, gallery owner Jerry Dixon suggests he is an artist to watch. His artworks are dynamic and

wonderful he says. His favorite of the show is "Sibyl" - a sensitive portrayal of the prophet. The show runs through August 9.

Haugh is from Gulfport and has lived here all his life. He studied graphic art at Jeff Davis. He is currently attending art classes at William Carey College and has won awards there.

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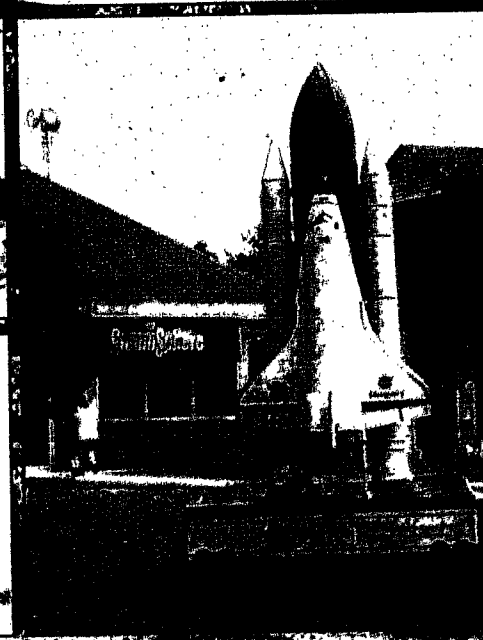
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from the Publisher



BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher/Editor

As the mid-point of the first year of the new millennium approaches, Hancock County has made tremendous strides in many areas.

Economic development in the terms of industry and jobs, education, tourism, health, recreation and infrastructure have all been in the forefront for the past year.

New homes are under construction from one end of the county to the other.

Many new businesses have opened, while others are under construction, and plans are under way for still others.

New schools have been completed and in both the Bay-Waveland and Hancock County School Districts.

Students from both public and private schools are very competitive academically as well as in the field of sports on a state level.

The new library at Kiln is second-to-none for a community of its size. We can all take pride in saying, "We are looking to the future for our county."

A tremendous economic impact on our county continues to come from the John C. Stennis Space Center.

The opening of the StennisSphere over the Memorial Day weekend is another 'star' for Hancock County. The StennisSphere is a unique partnership between Stennis and the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development's Tourism Division.

The testing of new components and engines at Stennis, in addition to the many agencies located there, are all a big plus for Hancock County.

Supercomputing continues to have a large presence at Stennis

with the upgrade to the Naval Oceanographic Office's DoD Major Resource Center. Mississippi ranks third nationally in supercomputing power.

The Hancock County Equine and Livestock Arena in Kiln is up and running and was recently taken control of by the Board of Supervisors from the state. The arena will pay dividends to the county for many years to come.

Hancock County has joined the world of semi-professional sports with the formation of the Gulf Coast StingRays in the National American Football League. The first home game is scheduled for August 5 at St. Stanislaus Stadium, Bay St. Louis, against Memphis.

Hancock County continues to move forward in an area many may not want to talk about, but is very important, and that is sewerage expansions. The county is moving at a rapid pace, and if anything will spur the construction of new homes, it is having sewerage available.

Progress is being made in several areas on making water available, too.

The City of Bay St. Louis is in the midst of a super major drainage program. Drainage has been a problem for several areas of the city for many years, and never has there been such an aggressive attack on the problem.

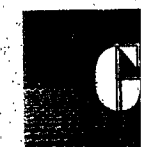
The City of Waveland is in the process of extending water service and bringing sewer service to areas passed over in prior years.

The Diamondhead community continues to express concerns about its appearance with a recent beautification effort at its entrance by the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association and the Diamondhead Property Owners Association.

Litter for many years has been a serious problem in Hancock County. Many concerned citizens and a few political leaders have dedicated years of work in trying to address litter problems and appeared to be moving very slowly to a solution.

During the past year, 'A light has been turned on,' is a remark one beautification enthusiast made recently about how our political leadership as a whole is realizing the importance of a litter-free community.

The continuation of so many working together in Hancock County will enable us to reach for the stars and more in the years to come.



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Gulf Guardian Awards

'Guardian' awards put Hancock County in national spotlight

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County was in the national spotlight in April when the Gulf of Mexico Program handed out its first-ever Guardian of the Gulf Awards.

The award presentation at a luncheon ceremony was the climax of activities of the Gulf of Mexico Symposium, which took place at the Mobile Convention Center over a period of four days and drew marine and environmental experts from five states in the Gulf region and from state and federal agencies.

A large delegation from Hancock County, led by all five members of the Board of Supervisors, was in the audience for the presentation of the prestigious awards.

Hancock County was singled out

for first place in the Partnership category. The Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Hancock County's Water and Sewer District won praise for its concerted efforts to extend sewerage to approximately 95 percent of the area south of Interstate 10 within a period of three years.

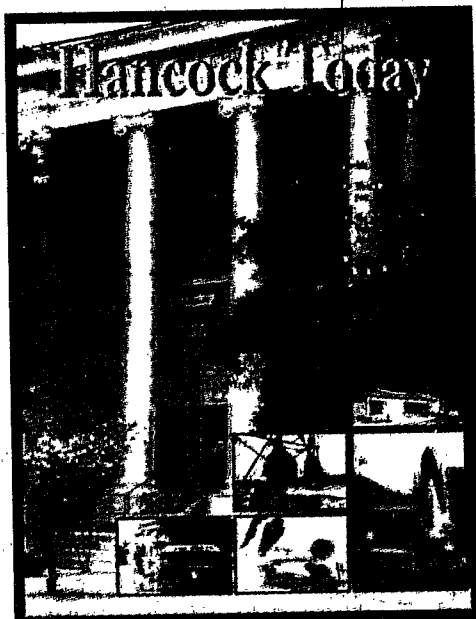
And, Casino Magic's Bridges Golf Course was first-place winner in the Business category for the design and maintenance of its golf course, which is sensitive to its environment and to the wildlife living there.

Gulf of Mexico Director Jim Giattina of Waveland served as master of ceremonies for the luncheon, and before each first place win-

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A large delegation from Hancock County went to Mobile last April to attend the Gulf of Mexico Symposium and accept a first-ever Guardian of the Gulf Award. All five supervisors attended, along with representatives from the Hancock Chamber of Commerce and Hancock's Water and Sewer District.



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Industry in Action

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Steadily and without a lot of fanfare, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Port and Harbor Commission continue to lure new tenants and make improvements to Port Bienville Industrial Park and to Stennis International Airport.

The P&H Commission has applied for a \$500,000 state loan in hopes of luring a California manufacturer of high performance polymer resin to Port Bienville.

Maxdem, Inc., based in San Dimas would locate on a 20-acre site behind the Calgon Plant on the southeast side of the industrial park.

The Port plans to build and lease to the firm a 10,000 to 15,000 square-foot metal building, but estimates are the firm's initial investment would be between \$7 million and \$8 million. Initially 15 to 20 people would be employed to manu-

from several firms from across the country which indicated an interest in managing a huge inter-modal warehouse to be built at Port Bienville. The 100,000 to 300,000-square-foot warehouse would be built on a 30 to 50-acre tract located behind the Manufab Plant and would be accessible by rail, surface roads and the nearby ship canal.

The Port is awaiting approval of a \$1.2 million grant from the state Department of Economic and Community Development for the long-needed realignment and widening of Lower Bay Road, which is the main roadway into Port Bienville.

The Port also has on hand \$9 million in general obligation bonds authorized in the 1999 session of the state legislature. A total \$5 million will be used to build a 700-acre industrial park at Stennis Space Center aimed at luring high-tech, aerospace firms. The other \$4 million will be used to expand the



Echo staff photo by Donna J. Smith

A barge at Port Bienville prepares to transport some of the goods produced at one of the facility's many factories.

facture the resin, which is used in the aerospace industry.

The Port has recently spent \$500,000 to build a two-bay Fire Station at Port Bienville just past the giant Wellman plastics/fiber manufacturing plant. It has another \$130,000 set aside for a fire truck and for initial staffing.

Over the last year, the Port installed 15,000 feet of new rail spurs, upgraded over 20,000 feet of 85-lb rail to 115-lb rail, and expanded its railcar and truck wash facility over 300 feet to accommodate Wellman, GE and other port tenants. It also modified the pressure wash system to increase pumping capacity. Funding came from a \$2.5 million revenue bond issue authorized by supervisors.

Although no decision has been made, the Port has on hand bids

Boeing rocket engine assembly plant. A design contract has recently been let for engineers to expand the sewerage treatment plant serving port tenants, and sewer and water lines have been extended to accommodate present and future tenants. At Stennis, bond funds are being used to refurbish the elevated water tank serving tenants, and to finish widening and paving Road D all the way out to Texas Flat Road.

Improvements continue on the airport's lighting system, taxiways and runways in anticipation of installing a \$2.5 million Instrument Landing System (ILS), which will be mostly federally funded. Already installed is an Automated Weather Observation system and Precision Approach Path Indicators.

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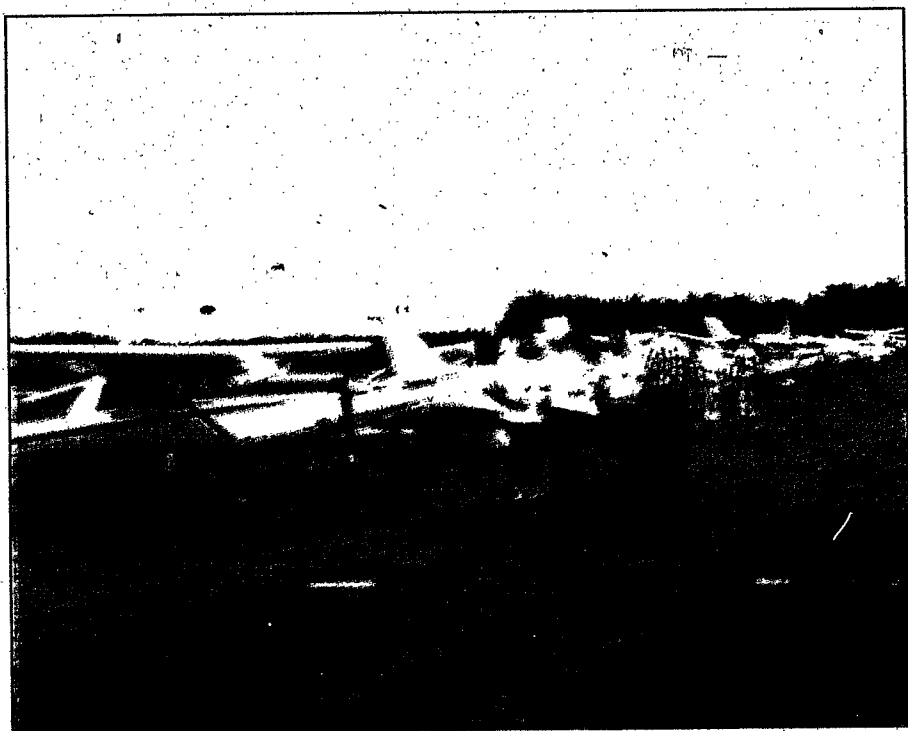
Last week, Port Commissioners signed a lease with a Florida firm for a portion of Hangar A. AEON enterprises will move its aircraft maintenance and sales shop from Pensacola, and should take up occupancy next month. It plans to refurbish the office space and the hangar space.

Last February, supervisors and P&H Commissioners agreed to sell a 1.7-acre industrial site at Stennis

to another firm planning to locate at the airport.

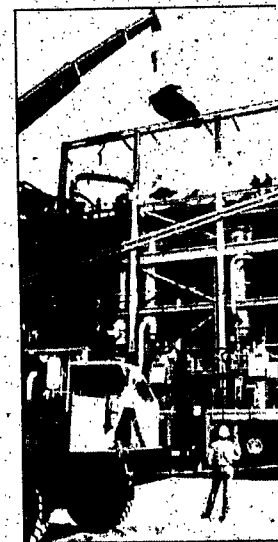
Pan American Insulators imports and sells electrical porcelain insulators used by utility companies and plans to move its operations from Gretna, La.,

It will construct an 8,000 to 10,000-square foot metal frame building on the site located at the junction of Road D and Texas Flat Road.



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Jim Jelinsky, left, "Uncle" Gene Phillips, Blaine Wills and Doc Thain get ready to welcome the incoming planes at Phillips Aviation at Stennis International Airport for the Old-Timer's Fly-In in May.

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Hancock County Multi-Purpose Arena

No horsing around -- new arena is serious business

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Hancock County and state leaders weren't just horsing around for the nearly four years it took to get the Hancock County Multi-purpose Equine and Livestock Arena open to the public.

It took a lot of hard work and creative funding, but the long-awaited facility opened to a capacity crowd last September, kicking off the 1999 Hancock Count Fair.

It was the crowning glory for County Agent Mike Keene and 4-H Assistant Wade Ladner, who had spent hours of planning and hard work for the



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher.
A cowboy shows off some ropin' and ridin' during a rodeo at the Hancock County Multi-purpose Equine and Livestock Arena.

three-day celebration; and it was a milestone for Hancock County, offering a new facility for an endless number of public shows and events and economic benefits that otherwise would never be realized here.

The arena has already played host to numerous cattle shows and 4-H contests, livestock and pet shows, a chili cook-off, a rodeo and, most recently, "Bullennium 2000."

The \$450,000 facility includes a 60,000-sq.-ft. steel-framed covered arena, a concession stand, restrooms and bleachers with a 2,000-seat capacity.

Adjacent to the larger arena is another 73-by-144-sq.-ft. building that serves as the marshaling area for horses and other livestock.

A \$500,000 state grant helped underwrite construction costs and the county donated \$130,000 in matching funds and another \$25,000 in in-kind services in order to make the arena happen.

Earlier this year, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors took over control of the facility from the state. Future plans include having the arena become self-supporting with admittance fees and rental revenues from horse shows, rodeos, truck and tractor-pulls, flea markets and fairs.

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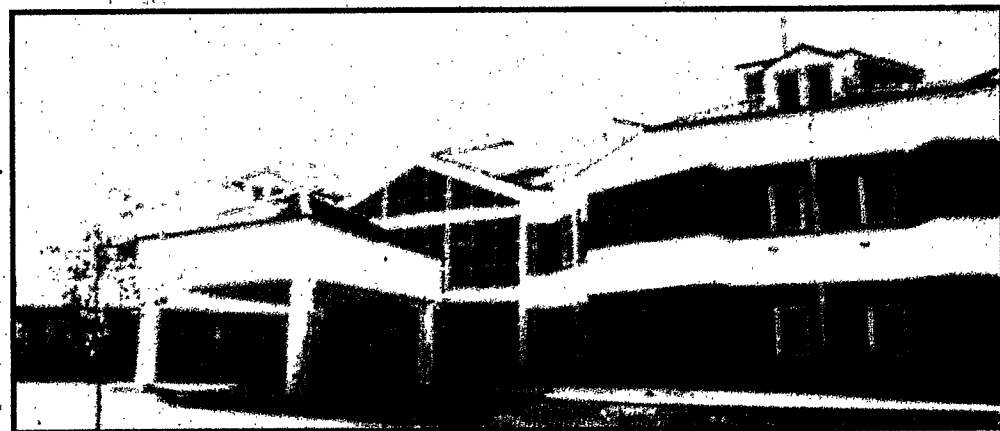
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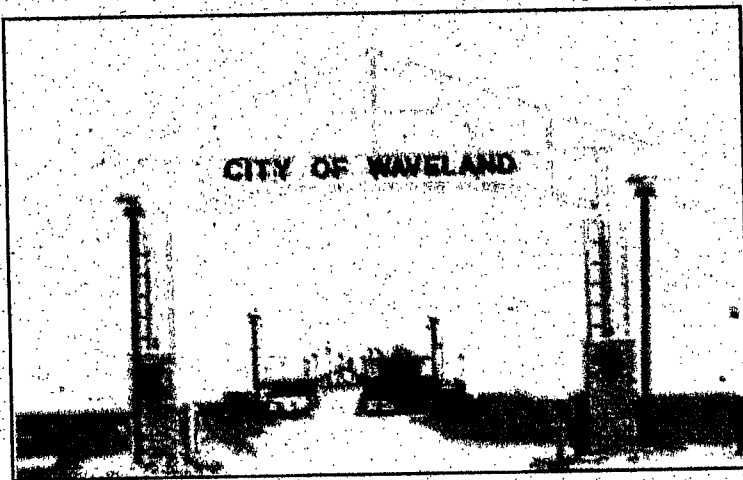
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Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, obviously, could be considered the "kick start" to all that we are servicing

today. This 600-plus acre casino and golf resort offers residents and visitors alike an exciting option in casino gaming and entertainment.

Golfing at the Bridges, Arnold Palmer's signature course, is always in the top numbers of golf rounds recorded on the Gulf Coast and is considered a "must play" to visiting golfers. The resort offers a hotel, RV park, marina, casino, area shopping and dining shuttles and many of its own fine restaurants.

Hancock County is home to NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center, quickly becoming one of, if not soon to be, the top tourist attraction in the state of Mississippi.

NASA's "StenniSphere" reopened Memorial Day weekend of this year with more than doubling their center's previous size.

Interactive exhibits, virtual reality space shuttle expe-

riences, space station walk-through, a RocKeTeria cafe, gift shops, theater and much enhanced U. S. Navy exhibits, all will most certainly awe the most experienced visitor.

All tours of this facility now originate at the Mississippi State Welcome Center on Interstate 10 at exit 2. This is the first venture of its kind in that the Mississippi

Department of Transportation, Department of Economic and Community Development, their Division of Tourism and a tourist attractions like NASA's StenniSphere, are working jointly to promote an attraction and the state of Mississippi at the same location. This is a "must visit" for all visitors and residents.

The Hancock County Tourism Development

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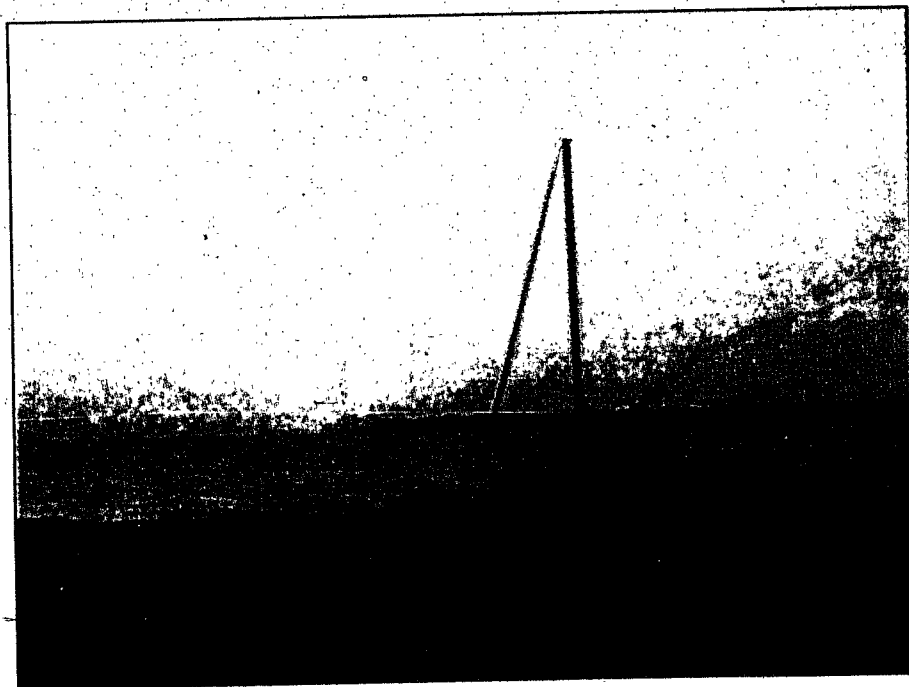
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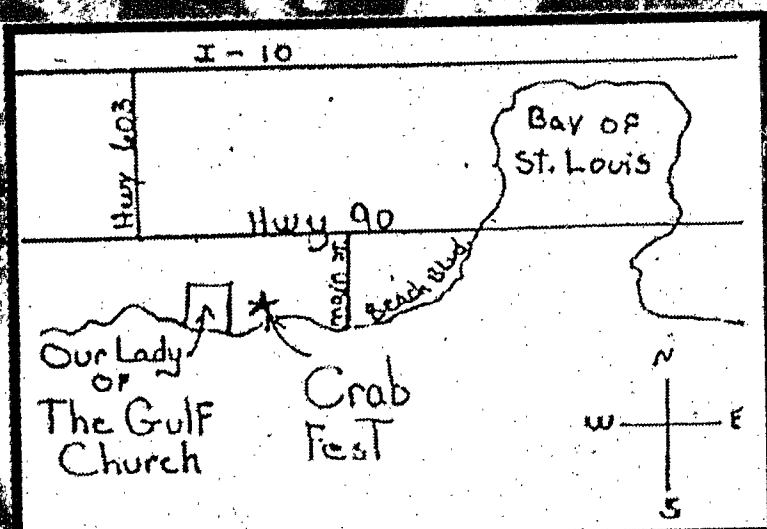
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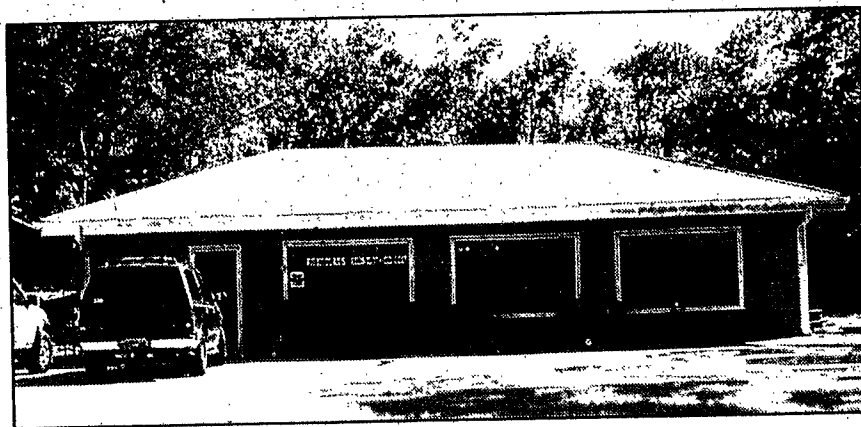


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The future is now and it is at John C. Stennis Space Center.

Istenna Space Center, described by its tenants as a "unique federal city," is responsible for NASA's rocket propulsion testing and for partnering with industry to develop and implement remote sensing technology.

Stennis is home to more than 30 federal, state, academic and private agencies.

Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command activities at Stennis rank among the top 10 worldwide in supercomputing capability and employ more oceanographers than any other location in the nation.

For years, Stennis's visitors center has been one of the top tourist attractions on the Mississippi Gulf Coast -- and

see what the future holds for NASA's next generation of space flight vehicles. ... Or, sit in the cockpit of the Space Shuttle Stennis and watch astronauts work in outer space? Come feel the motion of a ride to Mars or Saturn. Forecast the weather in your hometown and even walk under the sea or step inside the International Space Station. Want to feel the enormous power of a Space Shuttle Main Engine? At StennisSphere you can do this and much more."

StennisSphere is open daily and free of charge. The newly redesigned and expanded visitor center presents a 14,000-square-foot interactive review of America's race for space and its potential for the future.

Designed to entertain while educating, StenniSphere includes informative displays and exhibits from NASA; the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and



earlier this year, the visitors center re-opened with a whole new look and a whole new attitude.

The newly-revamped StenniSphere opened Memorial Day weekend to record crowds, drawing an estimated 10,545 to the "Launch Pad" at the Mississippi Welcome Center the first three days alone.

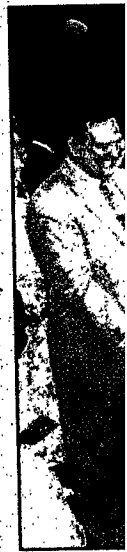
The StennisSphere features multiple exhibits designed to both inform and entertain.

NASA officials invite visitors "to

other agencies located at NASA's lead center for rocket propulsion and commercial remote sensing.

Every 15 minutes, tours to StennisSpace begin from the Mississippi Welcome Center at 1-10 just west of Bay St. Louis and 45 miles east of New Orleans. Upon boarding the Space Center shuttle vehicles, the 25-minute narrated tour will take you through Stennis Space Center's

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New Exhibits

Swamp to Space - a tribute to the families who relocated to make way for construction of Stennis Space Center, along with a history of the center and information on the local environment and how it is being preserved.

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The Motion Simulator - feel the motion of a ride to Mars or to the intergalactic glaciers of Saturn. This is the only attrac-

tion at StennisSphere for which there is a charge. Individual rides are \$4. For groups of 10 or more, the individual cost is \$3.

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The ride on the Motion Simulator that imitates flights to Mars or Saturn is the only attraction at StennisSphere for which there is a charge.



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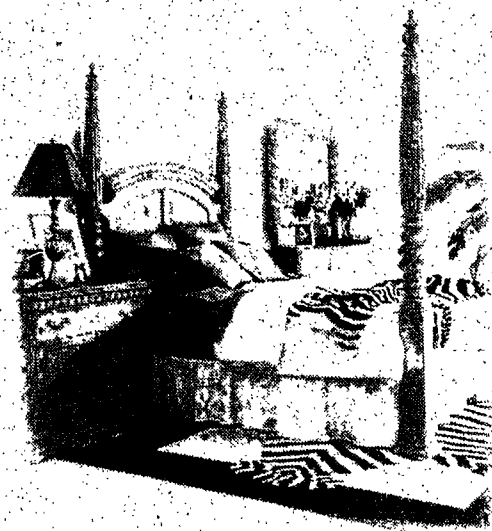
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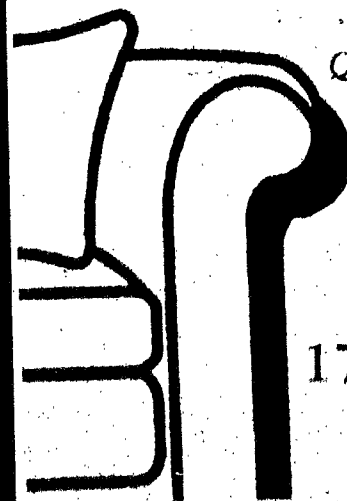
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The seminary is available for tours and retreats and is now a retirement home for those very priests and brothers that it ordained many years ago.

On the lush grounds of the seminary stand quietly beautiful live oaks draped in Spanish moss, statues and shrines, benches that await anyone's visit, and a walk-through grotto, hand-built by the father of one of the young seminarians in the early 1900's. This young seminarian later became a retired priest at the seminary.

As a result of St. Augustine Seminary, St. Rose de Lima, African American-based Catholic Church in

Bay St. Louis, is one of the highlights of any tour or visit to this very special seaside community. Established in 1976, St. Rose is one of the most active parishes in the area. The redecorating of the church in



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"Old Town" Bay St. Louis, offers the works of more than 100 resident artists, numerous art galleries, antique shops, sidewalk cafes, restaurants, lounges and five original murals painted on the side of buildings.

The Hancock County Historical Society's home, the Kate Lobrano House, awaits those who are interested in the history of the Gulf Coast and its people. The staff, volunteers and members work wonders for this community alongside of Charles Gray, the Society's director, who will always mesmerize his guests.

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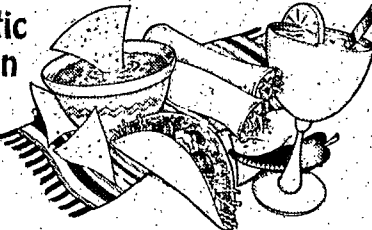
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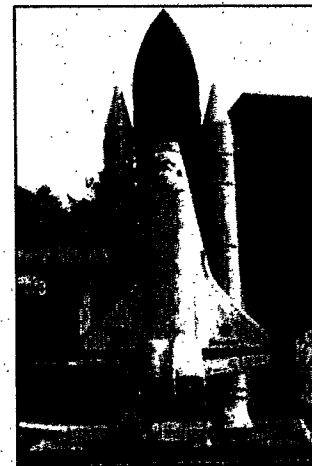
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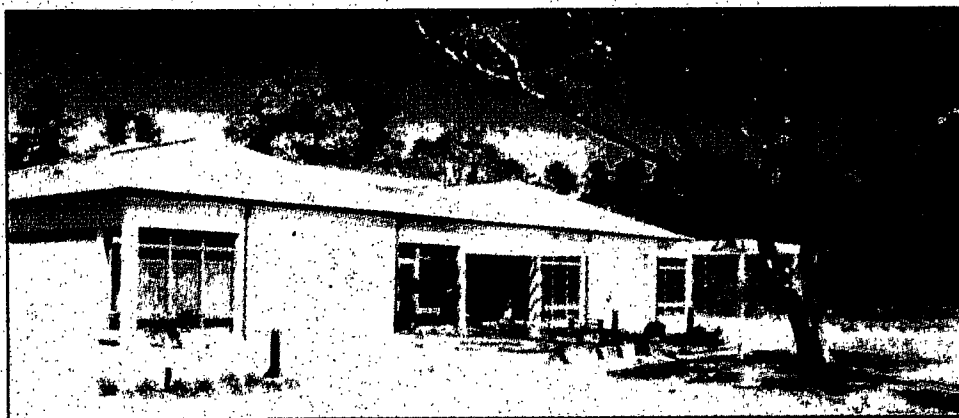
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Hancock County Libraries

Opening new libraries is not an easy task. But it seems to have become old hat for the Hancock County Library System. In April, 1999, the new Pearlinton Public Library opened, making history as a joint use partnership project between the Hancock County School District and the Hancock County Library System.

And this year the Kiln Public Library opened its doors. The new 10,000-square-foot building houses adult and young adult reading rooms, a full-service book and media collection, a special children's area, an electronic reference center and a multipurpose community meeting room with a separate entrance and drop-off plaza.

The establishment of the Pearlinton Public Library became the first joint use partnership between a school district and a public library in the state of Mississippi. Located in Charles B. Murphy's library/media center, the library provides cardholders in Pearlinton and surrounding areas access to the library's collection

220,000 items were checked out during 1999, and the reference department fielded more than 18,000 questions, an annual increase of 44%.

The headquarters library in Bay St. Louis was named the ninth busiest library out of 254 libraries across the state.

The library system's home page on the Internet, since its unveiling in February, 1999, has seen 7,500 hits. The site, located at www.hancock.lib.ms.us, features library branches and hours, links to local and state agencies, informational and reference links, children's links, and a calendar of events.

In April, 2000, the library system unveiled Dial Pac, which provides library users with access to the library's automated catalog via their home, office or school computers.

With Dial Pac, library users obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the library and dial into the library via their modem. Dial Pac users can review their library card account, search



Kiln Library interior

through the automated computer catalog. Charles B. Murphy students and faculty use the library with their certified librarian and curriculum-related materials.

Since its opening in February, 2000, the new Kiln Public Library has seen circulation statistics triple. More people registered for library cards at Kiln the first month than in the entire previous fiscal year.

Public library use countywide increased 17.6% in 1999. More than

for the availability of items in the library, places holds on books, audio books and videos and renew items already checked out to their library card.

For its first two months of operation, Dial Pac has had more than 200 log-ins and more than 50 holds placed.

All of these features were part of the Library System's five-year long-range plan for improving library services and facilities for all children and adults in Hancock County.

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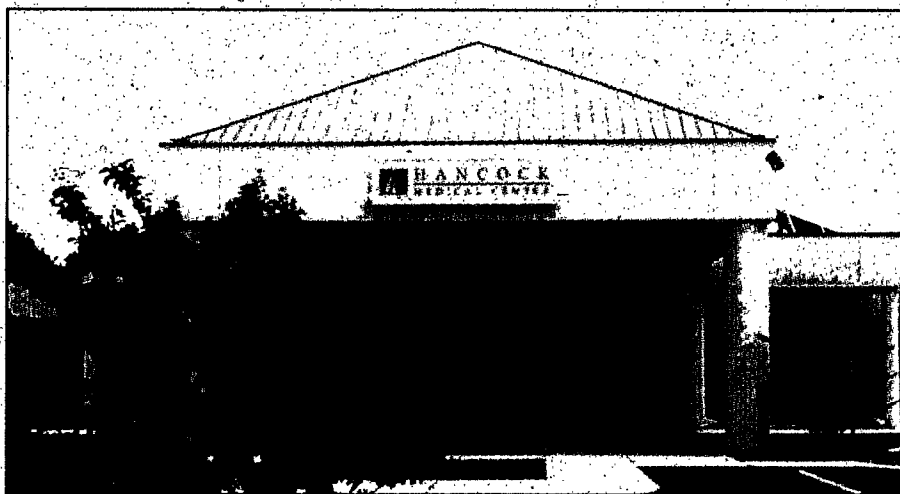
Hancock Medical Center

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As Hancock County's 2000 Business of the Year, Hancock Medical Center exemplifies the growth, economic impact and commitment to community that were requisite qualities of the winner.

ings and community education seminars are provided at various locations on an ongoing basis.

Construction is under way on the new Hancock Family Care Center in Kiln, a 2,000-sq.-ft. medical clinic to be staffed by a physician



Echo staff photo by Donna J. Smith

Hancock Medical Center

A steady course of progress has been charted by the hospital's administration and Board of Directors since 1998, when the facility physically doubled in size and added 38 inpatient beds. The Imaging Department now boasts a fixed-site MRI unit to complement the other state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment.

A cardiac disease management program debuted last year, where patients are under direct care and supervision of specially trained nurses, respiratory therapists and exercise specialists who oversee customized treatment programs.

The outpatient therapeutics department was established to improve patient services by streamlining emergency department traffic. Offerings include intravenous medications, injections, chemotherapy and other services.

Hancock Medical Center continues to strengthen its presence in the community with outreach efforts throughout the county.

A fourth school clinic will be sponsored by the hospital in the fall at Hancock Middle School. In an attempt to improve the health of local youth, HMC provides clinical services to Bay St. Louis and Hancock County public schools.

Registered nurses have treated thousands of students at no cost to parents or the schools. The program has been praised by school administrators, whose districts have benefited from higher attendance and healthier students.

Free immunizations are offered at the hospital the second Saturday of each month to any child under the age of 19. Other health screen-

and/or nurse practitioner.

The Hancock Multispecialty Clinic in Diamondhead offers the residents in that area convenient access to medical specialists.

Construction will soon begin on a clinic at Port Bienville in Pearlinton, where services will be offered to employees at the industrial park and residents of surrounding communities.

HMC's occupational medicine network continues to grow with a focus on returning the injured employee to work as quickly as possible.

The hospital recently began offering more services in Diamondhead, with a full range of physical, occupational and speech therapy available at Hancock Outpatient Rehab Services.

The Hancock Medical Center Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization, augments the hospital's capital budget through the purchase of equipment and furnishings.

Paintings and prints by local artists are showcased on the medical center walls, courtesy of the Foundation. The annual "Moonlight on the Bay" gala dinner dance will honor retired chief of radiology Andrew K. Martinovich Jr., M. D. on Friday, September 8.

Future plans include improving access to departments within the facility. "We are constantly seeking to make services more "customer friendly," said administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE.

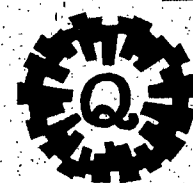
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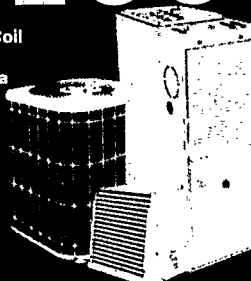
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Tourism

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Down Beach Boulevard in Waveland is the Waveland Fishing Pier, open to the public. This very large, well lighted pier is open 24 hours a day and offers the additional benefit of a guard on the site.

Kiln, (pronounced as The Kil), the home of Brett Favre, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, is home to our top-of-the-line Equestrian and Fair Grounds, the site of the first Hancock County Rodeo.

McLeod Water Park in Kiln is a beautiful picnic and camp grounds where you can fish, swim or paddle a canoe on the river's bend.

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Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has bright future

Eight years have flown by with a blink of an eye for many Casino Magic Bay St. Louis employees. Just ask Sandy Gonzalez, a Hancock County resident and employee, who has been with Casino Magic since it opened.

Gonzalez started as a floorperson in 1992, and is now a pit manager. With over 1,200 employees, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has retained more original employees than any other Coast casino.

"One of the reasons I've stayed with Casino Magic (Bay St. Louis) is because the people are friendly here and the company is very employee-oriented," she said.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is on the verge of celebrating its eight-year anniversary in the gaming industry and in Hancock County September 30.

The first barge-concept casino in the world is currently in the process of being sold. Many employees, such as Sandy, see it as inevitable progress in a competitive market and feel the casino has much to celebrate now

and in the future.

In October 1998, Hollywood Park (now called Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.) acquired

Argentina.

Currently, Pinnacle is the process of negotiating the sale of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and

"The future holds a lot of opportunity for Casino Magic. Penn National Gaming has the capital to expand this property to its fullest potential which will ensure our continued success in the Coast's competitive gaming industry," said Todd Raziano, assistant general manager.

"We already have a great entertainment venue and a world-class golf course, and now we're going to have a first-class luxury hotel with additional amenities to complete the whole resort. We're excited that they (Penn) are excited about developing the property," he said.

The casino's 22,500 square foot entertainment facility with a 2,500-3,000 person capacity gives the casino the opportunity to bring in major concerts such as Wayne Newton, Tom Jones, Lou Rawls, Hootie and the Blowfish, Merle Haggard, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, as well as live boxing matches and other events.

In fact, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is so well known for its



Casino Magic Corp., including all Casino Magic properties - one in Bossier City, La.; one in Biloxi and one in Bay St. Louis. It also acquired majority owner and operator of two Magic casinos in

its Boomtown property on Biloxi's Back Bay to Penn National Gaming, Inc. Penn has repeatedly said that their intentions are to immediately focus on the Bay St. Louis property.

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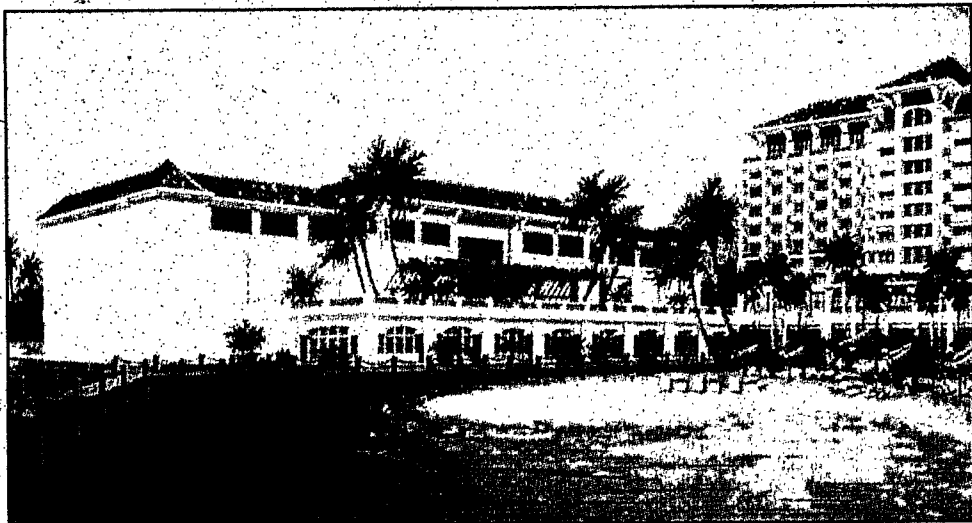
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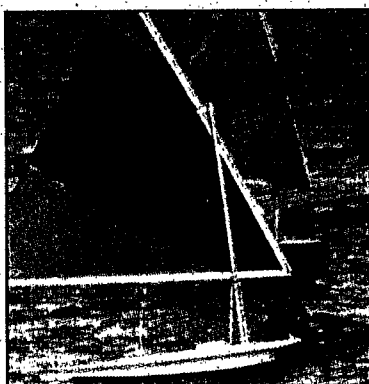
An artist's conception of the original plans for Paradise Bay Casino, courtesy of Phoenix Leisure Inc. When the project was first announced, Phoenix Leisure officials wanted to build a hotel and create a new sand beach at the site.

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Paradise Bay Casino

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Jubilee and Jubilation casinos may be long gone, but a brand new gaming facility will soon fill the void they left behind.

The Mississippi Gaming Commission earlier this month approved licensing for Phoenix Leisure Corp., which plans to revive gambling on an already-approved site at Bayou Caddy.

The commission issued a finding of suitability for each of the Las Vegas-based Company's officers, directors and major registered shareholders.

Phoenix Leisure's Chairman and President Eric Nelson also announced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has given the go-ahead to allow dredging for the permanent mooring site for the 23,000-square-foot, four story-tall gambling boat it now has docked at the Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Nelson said the firm plans to move the vessel to the Bayou Caddy site after it signs a Tidelands lease with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office.

"This is a significant milestone for our company and shareholders," said Nelson.

"It represents the first time the company has received a gaming license in any jurisdiction."

Nelson said, "The recommendations for licensure allows the company to implement its casino development plans in order to obtain a formal operating license prior to opening a gaming establishment."

He explained the Mississippi Gaming Commission must complete a final inspection of the gaming vessel and review compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations before giving final approval to open.

Nelson said the Corps of Engineers permit, along with permits already obtained from the state Department of Marine Resources and the state Department of Environmental Quality, gives Phoenix Leisure the opportunity to begin site work preparations for its proposed gambling resort.

Although final design plans have not been revealed to the media, Phoenix Leisure told the Echo in early June it planned to build a resort hotel, pump in a sand beach, and make other improvements to the Bayou Caddy site off Lakeshore Road and Beach Boulevard.

Previously, the Gaming Commission had approved preliminary plans for either a 72-room hotel or one that would have 205 rooms.

However, Nelson told Gaming Commission members the firm has modified its original development and would now go with a 72-room facility.

"We believe the reduced debt risk makes better business sense in an environment of increased competition along the Gulf Coast," said Nelson's press release. "We're confident that we can expand later and demonstrate the long-term viability of the Bayou Caddy site to traditional lenders once we're up and running."

The complex would be called the Paradise Bay Casino and Resort.

Additionally, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors has offered to elevate the beach roadway at Lakeshore Road all the way to the gambling site to eliminate flooding when southeast winds bring high water that covers the roadway.

Initial estimates are the new gambling resort planned by Phoenix Leisure would create about 900 jobs and bring in an annual \$2 million in tax revenues into Hancock County.

Nelson said the construction process would start within 60 to 90 days, and the gambling operations could be up and running within 12 to 18 months.

Phoenix Leisure is an emerging developer and operator of niche opportunities in the gaming, hospitality and entertainment industry. It currently owns the Wyoming Downs horse racetrack in Evanstown, Wyoming and four off-track simulcasting facilities.

Nelson previously developed dockside gaming facilities in Greenville and in Tunica.

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Water & Sewer

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County's Water and Sewer District is poised to begin an ambitious program to provide water to some residents of the Shoreline Park community, which has now been sew-
ered.

The District's consulting engineer, Duke Levy, and his associates held a pre-construction meeting Thursday afternoon with the three contractors who will work simultaneously on the \$2.1 million project.

Projector engineer Bruce Newton said he expects the firm will issue "a notice to proceed" the first week of July.

The most costly part of the construction program would be laying down the 125,000 to 130,000 feet or 25 miles of four-to-12-inch water pipes to distribute the water. Initially, 500 residents of the waterfront community on

the east side of state Hwy. 603 will be hooked up to the water system.

Newton said Greenbriar Construction of Brookhaven was low bidder on that portion of the project at \$1,617,447.

The water lines would be laid on the rights of ways on the opposite side of the streets, and cannot run alongside the sewer lines, Newton explained.

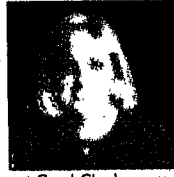
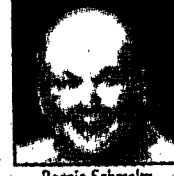
A water well would have to be dug 900 to 1,000-feet deep, and Newton said the District has purchased property off Hwy. 603 and 1st Street. Lyman Well Co., of Gulfport was low bidder on the well at \$268,395.

The distribution system would also require a 150,000-gallon backup elevated water tank. Newton said the tank would be built on county property off Chapman behind the East

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Waveland - "Hospitality City"

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BY BENNIE WEDGWOOD
Staff Writer

Waveland began 1999 with an almost overwhelming list of projects, but with the teamwork of all the departments, dedication of the city work force, some new equipment, a

balanced budget, good weather and a little luck, great strides were made in both long- and short-term goals. And it all started by setting a course and beginning work.

The city received grants to do a number of drainage projects. It is

hard to imagine the vast array of items removed while trying to restore the natural flow lines. If you could imagine it, workers probably found it, railroad ties, shopping carts, windows, appliances, vehicles, trees and more. About 7 miles of natural drains were cleared and the work continues. In addition, three drainage projects by the state and federal governments were completed.

New equipment enabled the city to begin a new procedure for ditch and culvert work. More than 7 miles

Gas lines were expanded to serve new customers and more are being laid.

Over 12 miles of city streets were paved with the help of the County Board of Supervisors.

With the combined effort of city employees, the Sea Bees, local companies and volunteers, the little league parks and fields were renovated and new lighting installed.

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of ditch work was completed in critical areas and also continues. More than 100 culverts that had fallen into disuse were replaced and almost 500 were cleared of obstructions.

The city has also completed sewage expansion in a number of locations, which allowed new housing starts. Sewer and utility expansion on Hwy. 90 came close to completion. Fifteen new man holes and lift stations were installed to ensure better residential service. New water lines in residential areas have enabled more than 12 new fire hydrants to be installed to increase fire protection.

received, but the moneys remained in the pipeline at the year's close.

However the Coleman Ave. playground was totally refurbished, complete with additional parking, new playground equipment, a gazebo and flowers. In addition, the Waveland Ave. and Hurlihy St. parks received extra attention and work continues.

The city was accepted in the "Destination Downtown" program, which will enable the city to acquire grants to refurbish Coleman Ave.

The dedicated men and women of the police and fire departments worked very hard. Continuing education and training grants such as COPS have enabled them to better serve and protect. K-9 officer Arno won awards for performance in nationwide competitions.

The Waveland Animal Shelter was totally refurbished and got a new director, Curtis Quate, who promises to continue the work on the shelter and rewrite outdated animal ordinances.

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Two new community homes for developmentally-handicapped women also opened in the city in November.

The year 2000 has started with a bang and looks to be even better for the city.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the go-ahead for plans for an innovative new marina project at the foot of Coleman Avenue. A feasibility study was recently approved and must be completed before funding can be obtained. The marina, when built, will be one of the most environmentally-friendly projects of its kind. In conjunction with this location, expansion of the Garfield Ladner Pier project at the foot of Terrace will also continue.

Progressive new animal ordinances were passed which address the problems of owner responsibility, treatment of animals, and protection for both people and their pets from vicious animals. New shelter Director Curtis Quate kept his promise.

Renovation was also started on the Waveland Library and continues. The library was awarded a technology grant to buy computers for its adult literacy program.

New lighting in the Waveland Avenue Little League Park has

allowed the city to have its first Little League District Tournament in many years.

Renovation to the Civic Center began, manned largely by volunteers from the community.

Renovations to city hall to bring it up to standard for being handicapped-accessible will include an elevator, among other things.

Drainage, sewer, water and culvert projects are continuing with major drains being renovated in several locations already.

A major break in a gas line was handled swiftly and with expertise by the city's Public Works Department, whose employees worked round the clock to ensure that residents were not inconvenienced.

An upgrade to Nicholson Ave. in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Transportation is expected to begin soon.

The Jackson Marsh Revitalization project is also expected to begin, as well as upgrades to lighting on Hwy. 90.

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Casino Magic

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great entertainment, that in 1999 and 2000 Casino Magic Bay St. Louis was one of only five casinos in the country nominated by the Academy of Country Music for Casino of the Year.

The Bridges golf course, which was built by the Arnold Palmer Design Group, is a 72-par, championship course, which has received many kudos on its environmental efforts and on its challenging layouts from golfers and environmentalists, alike.

Most recently, The Bridges was named "Best Golf" in Casino Player Magazine's "Best of Gaming 2000" survey and was named as a top 10 state course by Golf Digest in 1999.

"A marketing advantage that we have is that Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is the only Coast property to have a golf course located adjacent to its casino and hotel," said Raziano.

When asked why he thought Casino Magic Bay St. Louis retained so many of its original employees, Raziano, who is an six-year veteran, said, "We're a team. Our employees are even referred to as team members."

"We are a big business with a small town, friendly feel. Our guests and team members feel at home here."

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is also a part of the community not only through community service projects but also through its contribution to the local economy. In 1999 the casino contributed a total of \$1,177,000 to Hancock

County in property taxes, and a total of \$2,264,966 to the City of Bay St. Louis in gaming taxes. Additionally, the Bay-Waveland School District received \$323,567. The state of Mississippi received \$7,071,366 in gaming taxes and \$954,908 for Mississippi sales and use taxes.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars to the community through donations and sponsorships. Additionally, casino team members are often involved in community service such as the Christmas in April home revitalization project and fund raisers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi.

The casino hosts monthly charity slot tournaments in which all proceeds go directly to a designated charity in Hancock County.

Each Thanksgiving, management gives turkeys to team members. Often, in turn, team members donate their turkeys to less fortunate families in the county.

There is even a committee comprised exclusively of employees who work on employee events, which covers everything from the company picnic to fundraisers for other team members.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is a 791-acre property that includes a 201-room hotel, 100-site R.V. park, Arnold Palmer golf course, marina, and restaurants. The casino is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.



Christmas in April

Casino Magic employees help renovate a house on Main Street in Bay St. Louis for the Christmas in April project. Christmas in April is a national non-profit organization that annually provides one day of home repair and rehabilitation services for deserving homeowners. Referrals come from area churches, civic organizations and individuals. Sponsor groups adopt selected homes and conducted repairs at no cost to the homeowners. Casino Magic Bay St. Louis employees were some of the most enthusiastic volunteers for the day's event, and routinely give back to the community.

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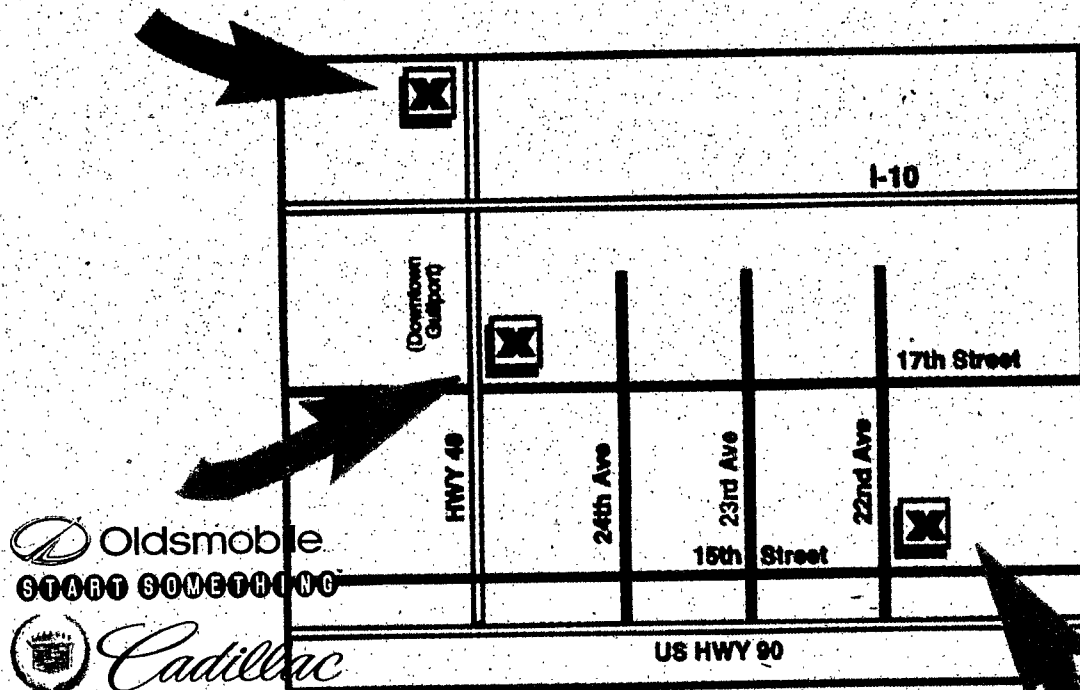


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New projects making 'Olde Towne' one of the premiere communities on the Coast

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The city of Bay St. Louis is in the midst of a period of almost unparalleled growth.

Over the past year, at least one new business per month has opened its doors to customers; real estate development has stepped up exponentially; and the Bay St. Louis City Council has begun and completed several long-term projects to increase tourism, attract new industry and drastically improve the lives of the city's residents.

One of the newest projects in development is the Chapel Hill Beachfront Community, which began construction earlier this year.

Chapel Hill, a development of Design Built Consulting Inc., is a single-family residential community located on nine acres at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 90 and Beach Blvd. Within a few months of groundbreaking, much of the infrastructure for the community was completed and work began on some

while attracting new business and protecting the environment and small-town atmosphere which makes "Old Town" Bay St. Louis the unique community it has always been.

Construction is also nearing completion on one of the city's most ambitious programs, a city-wide drainage project designed to prevent the flooding that previously occurred in virtually every street and every yard after every heavy rain.

The city borrowed a total of \$11 million in 1996 and 1997 to finance an expansive capital improvement package including drainage upgrades and repairs and improvements to the city's water, sewer and gas systems.

The whole package was divided into three separate projects with a single engineer, James J. Chiniche; and two different contractors, Colom Construction and Kappa Development and General Contracting Inc.

Project C, encompasses the



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Bay St. Louis City Hall

of the homes which, when complete, will start at \$165,000.

It features turn-of-the-century architecture, walking paths, gazebos, a private stretch of white sand beach and an almost-complete pier for the community's residents.

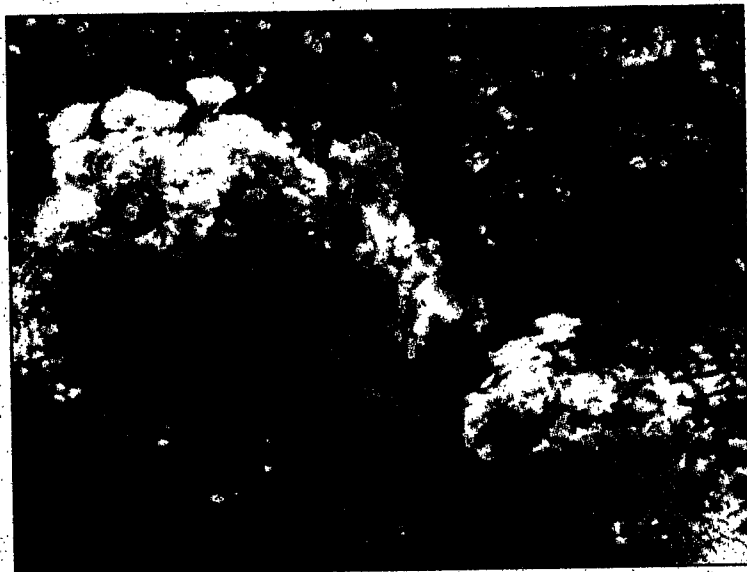
The city council also recently completed a comprehensive zoning plan designed to greatly enhance existing commercial enterprises such as Casino Magic Bay St. Louis,

downtown "historic district" which runs from the 400 block of Easterbrook and St. James streets back to Hwy. 90 and includes Main, Necaise and Second streets.

Project B runs from Beach Blvd. and Booker past the old Depot, to the 300 block of Easterbrook and includes Sycamore, Washington, Ballentine and Citizen streets.

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"Old Town"



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"Old Town" Bay St Louis

Old Town is lined with small shops, boutiques, antique stores and galleries, all of which encourage you to get out of your car and walk. When you do, you'll find that it's much easier to view the six murals that add luster to the scene. You can take rest stops during the day to refresh your shopping spirits, since Old Town has no shortage of inviting cafes, restaurants, and coffee houses. And if you can't seem to fit it all in one day in the Bay, you can spend the night in one of their charming Bed & Breakfast Inns or convenient Hotels. A trip to Old Town recalls a journey to the past. Just like our recently renovated Depot District, many areas have been restored to reflect a more relaxed and quieter time.

Old Town Bay St Louis

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Project A went from Hwy. 90 and Washington all the way back to South Beach Blvd. through Spanish Acres to the beach in close proximity to St. Charles and Ramoneda streets.

In May, council members rejected Favre's proposed \$2.5 million general obligation bond issue for capital improvements to help fund some of the additional costs encountered during the improvement and complete unfinished portions of the project.

Despite some problems, city Public Works Director Ron Vanney said, actual construction has gone rather smoothly. The city did a final

walk-through and began tying up any loose ends on project C earlier this month, and project B is estimated to be completed by the end of July, Vanney said.

Another benefit from the capital improvements funding and construction that most people don't realize, Vanney said, is that "right now we have water extensions going on through the city, upgrading the systems" both for increased fire protection and improved service.

That work is being completed by Baton Rouge-based Hartec Inc. with engineering firm Garner Russell and Associates.



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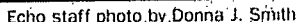
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The town has a population of approximately 5,800 people and is the fastest-growing community in Southern Mississippi. New housing starts have averaged about 175 new homes per year for the past three years.

Restrictive covenants protect the community's integrity, and it is home to young families as well as retirees.

The backgrounds of its residents are as diverse as anywhere in the country. The median family income, according to a recent survey, is \$50,000-plus.

It boasts two of the finest 18-hole championship golf courses in the Southeast; a new country club facility that provides first-class dining and a meeting facility; and a yacht club suited to boaters and non-boaters alike.

Earlier this month, the Diamondhead Country Club and

Property Owners Association elected Richard K. Weber as its new president. Other officers elected include Bob Marshall, vice president, and Bill Taylor, treasurer. Secretary Pat Outlaw was unopposed. The officers serve two-years terms.

Elected to serve on the board of directors were: Robert A. "Bob" Gustin, Paul Guichet and John Hall. They serve staggering terms.

Weber is a retired CPA and management consultant. He replaced Roger Urbano, who has served on the Board of Directors since 1996.

The Diamondhead Airport offers a 3,500-foot lighted runway for private planes. Facilities for young people include three ball fields. Youth organizations such as Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are active there.

Diamondhead is a private community. All of its facilities and amenities are owned by, and are for the use of, the property owners and their guests. Each property owner pays \$35 per month for each parcel owned to defer the cost of operation of the association. The dues entitle the owners to reduced fees at the clubs and recreational facilities.

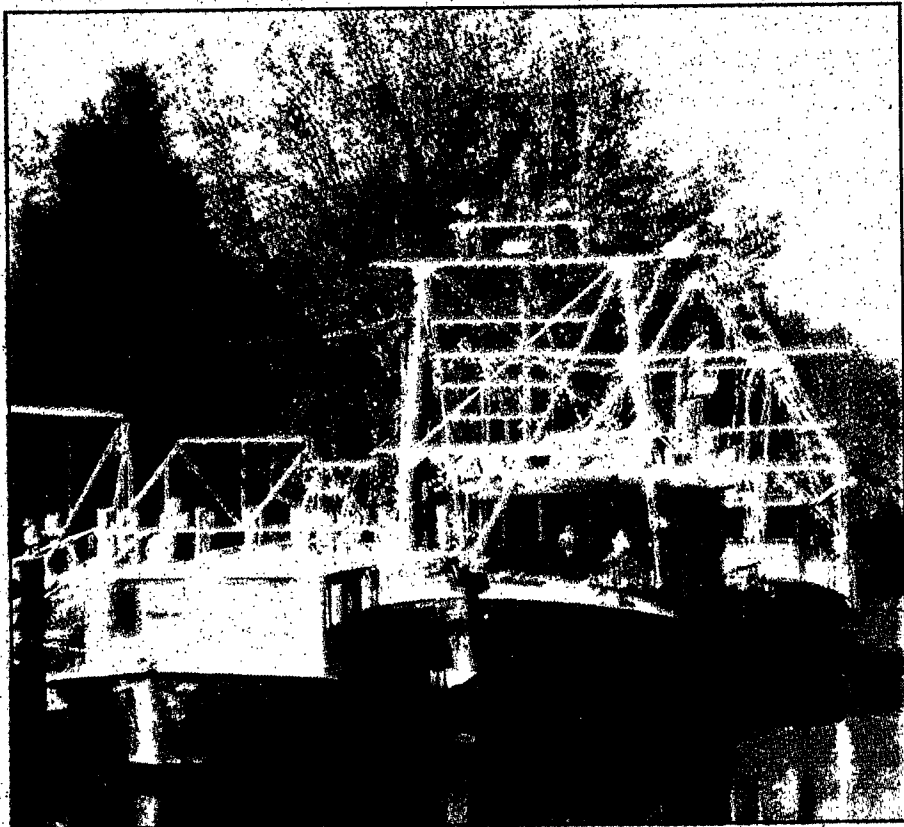
All roads, sewer lines, water lines, electrical, telephone and cable are installed and ready for hookup. Homeowners, condo and townhouse owners pay nominal fees to offset costs of the fire department, security and garbage collection.

The community also has a 24-hour security force, which Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber recently offered to bolster with an officially-designated sheriff's vehicle provided by the property owner association.

The vehicle would provide security teams instant dispatch to the sheriff's office, thereby improving already-impressive emergency response times.



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Shrimp boats on the Jourdan River

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Guardian

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ner was awarded the trophy, a nine-minute narrated video presentation showed the various projects in progress.

Giattina told delegates he is sometimes so involved in the details of the Gulf of Mexico Program that he loses sight of what must happen to make it work.

"The more people understand about the environment, the more effective a program is," said Giattina.

He said the projects being recognized at the luncheon represented the cooperative efforts of the private and public sectors.

Giattina said the Guardian of the Gulf Awards were developed to recognize innovation and concerted efforts to preserve and enhance the Gulf of Mexico, which flows through the states of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

"You're making a little bit of history," he told the groups that were recognized. "You are truly trail blazers in helping the country to

protect the Gulf of Mexico."

Giattina said the awards recognize the fact that, "everyday, ordinary people take extraordinary efforts to protect the Gulf. Their work will leave behind a legacy of environmental stewardship that will benefit generations to come."

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand, who serves as vice-president of Hancock County's Board of Supervisors, said the award recognizes the fact that, "We in Hancock County recognize the importance of a healthy environment which directly affects our quality of life and the sustainability of a growing, progressive community."

She said the success of Hancock's sewerage program was also due to funding and cooperation from various agencies, including the Rural Development Administration, Mississippi's Department of Marine Resources, Department of Environmental Quality and others.

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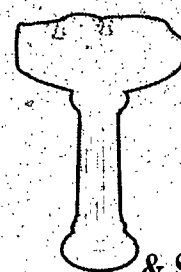
Mandis Tank of Batesville, Miss., was low bidder on the tank at \$260,875.

The district landed a \$1.2 million outright grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program for the construction program.

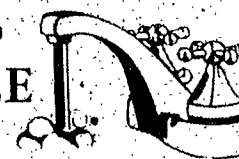
The RDA loaned the district another \$800,000 at a low interest rate.

The district plans to request more RDA money to continue extending water lines in the next round of federal funding.

Newton said estimates are the first phase of the water system should be completed by March of next year.



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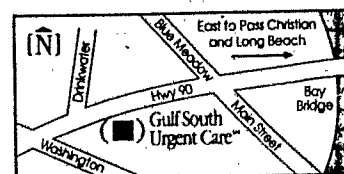
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Education

Local educational facilities are among the South's finest

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Hancock County's population and economy have grown by leaps and bounds in the last decade, and they've been matched by growth and improvements in the area's educational facilities.

Two separate school districts serve the student population providing kindergarten, elementary and secondary education. A number of privately supported nursery schools, kindergartens and parochial schools serve the area as well. The county's two public school districts, the Hancock County School District and the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School system, have both kept pace with changing technology and educational methods while growing to meet the needs of an ever-increasing number of students. New superintendents have taken over at both school districts in the past year: Mike Ladner at Hancock Schools; and Dr. Kim Stasny at Bay-Waveland.

The Bay-Waveland district also has a new assistant superintendent, Chuck Benigno, a Bay St. Louis-native who has been working in the Forrest County School System. Long-time Hancock County Assistant Superintendent for Education Eddie Danzey will be retiring this year, effective June 30.

The Hancock County district opened the new state-of-the-art East Hancock Elementary School last year, and will open the new

Hancock County Middle School when the 2000-2001 school year begins. The Bay-Waveland district will also have a new middle school and new alternative school facility. The "old" Bay Middle School will open this school year as Second Street Elementary.

During the recent 1999-2000 school year, Hancock High/Middle School posted a 95% attendance average, up 1% from the 1998-1999 yearly average of 94%. This increase is an improvement from the 90% yearly attendance average from five years ago.

The Hancock County School District has recently won national acclaim for its commitment to technology, allowing its students to be among the first in the nation to use NETSchool computers as their personal notebooks.

In October 1998, students in grades 9-12 each received a Study Pro laptop computer for use at school and home. Hancock High School was the first school in the state and one of only 13 in the nation to issue each student a take-home computer. K-1 students are offered a computer-based instructional system designed to develop writing and reading skills. Students in grades K-2 receive Spanish language instruction and experience from a Spanish instructor for two 30-minute periods each week. The regular classroom teacher provides follow-up Spanish language instruction and reinforcement.



Students at East Hancock Elementary School, one of the district's newest, state-of-the-art facilities, enjoy a progressive curriculum.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Schools

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In the next school year, elementary teachers in the district will also have access to laptop computers, and virtually every classroom in the system will be computer-equipped; and the system will begin utilizing the "lead teacher" approach to classroom instruction.

In the Bay-Waveland district, computer labs are available to students in kindergarten through grade four. The software utilized provides students with the opportunity to achieve, maintain or exceed their assigned grade level. Fifth and sixth grade students have access to computers within their classrooms. These state-of-the-art computers allow for access to the internet for research projects, computer assisted instruction and multi-media presentations.

The academic program at Bay High School includes advanced placement courses in English, history and calculus, as well as accelerated courses in other academic domains. Bay High School engages in a vocational consortium with Hancock County School District and offers occupational training programs at the Hancock County Vocational Technical Center. The Technology Preparation initiative at Bay High affords students the opportunity to enroll in discovery courses in career exploration, computer exploration and technology

exploration. The Tech Prep initiative provides students with a curriculum that is rich in communication skills as well as academic skills.

In addition to the fine public schools, Hancock County offers an outstanding selection of private and parochial schools. Bay St. Louis is home to the Coast Episcopal Day School for grades kindergarten-through-sixth; Our Lady Academy, an all-girls school for grades seven through twelve; and St. Stanislaus College Preparatory, an all boys school for grades six through twelve. St. Clare Catholic Elementary at Waveland is a fully-accredited Catholic school for boys and girls. Classes are geared for a maximum of 30 students each and offer drama, student council, precision groups, counseling services and music as extracurricular activities.

A number of higher education facilities also serve the area.

NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center is home of the Center for Higher Learning which offers a number of bachelor degree programs, as well as advanced programs through the cooperative efforts of the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Pearl River Community College and the University of New Orleans.

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Shrimp & oyster seasons headed for record books

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Hancock County and the Mississippi Gulf Coast have experienced unprecedented growth since the advent of the casinos, but the area is also known for a much-older industry: seafood.

The shrimp and oysters of the Mississippi Sound and the Gulf of Mexico are prized around the country, and their sale is a major component of Hancock County's economy.

This year's shrimp season began June 1, and early indications are that the shrimp this year are bigger and better than ever, according to Kirk Ladner, whose family operates Terry's Seafood, off Shipyard Road at Bayou Caddy.

And the 1999-2000 oyster season broke a record that has stood since 1968. The season, which closed at noon on June 26, was deemed "highly successful" according to a statement released last week by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR). The season ended with a record 411,300 sacks of oysters being landed since the season opened September 23, 1999.

And that really helps the local economy, since each sack holds about 250 oysters at an average of about \$13 a sack -- generating an estimated \$5,346,000.

"The season has been highly successful due to a lot of hard work by many groups and individuals, along with environmental conditions favorable to continuous harvest," DMR Shellfish Program Coordinator Scott Gordon said in a press release.

According to DMR researchers, the 1999-2000 oyster season was successful because of the following

factors:

- Flexibility granted by the Mississippi legislature to the Commission on Marine Resources in managing the oyster reefs;

- Cooperation between the DMR and personnel at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in analyzing water quality samples and mapping the oyster reefs;

- Cooperation with members of the oyster industry in selecting and planting clutch material to establish additional oyster reefs, and

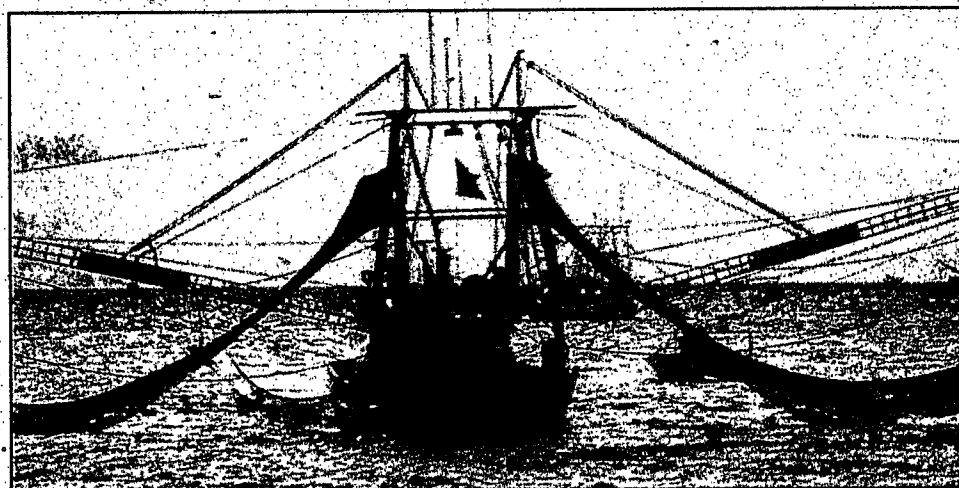
- Drought conditions during the past year.

In 1997, about \$1 million of federal disaster funds were used to replenish existing oyster reefs, as well as establish new reefs. A large part of this year's record production came from the reefs created by the 1997 shell plant project.

Drought conditions played an important part in the record by keeping closures of the reefs, due to excessive rainfall and river staging, to a minimum. As a result of the reefs staying open more, oyster fishermen were allowed to harvest almost all season long.

Gordon also credits the success of the record-breaking season to the Commission on Marine Resources for making often-difficult management decisions and the hard working oyster harvesters who made their daily trips to the reefs to ensure that consumers always had oysters on their plates.

In May, DMR crews spent additional emergency-relief funds creating and adding to oyster reefs just south of Bayou Caddy and at the Square Handkerchief section of Henderson Point.



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Shrimpers were out early for the start of the season on June 1.

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DMR crews move oyster shells into the Mississippi Sound in May to create new oyster reefs and boost production.

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